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EXTRACTS FROM THE ITINERARIES
AND OTHER MISCELLANIES OF
EZRA STILES, D.D., LL.D.
= 1755-1794
WITH A SELECTION FROM HIS
CORRESPONDENCE

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PREFACE

The "Literary Diary" of Dr. Stiles was printed in full in 1901; but before he began his Diary (in 1769) he had been accustomed to preserve in consecutive form miscellaneous memoranda which seemed worthy of permanent record. To these memoranda he gave ultimately the designation of "Itineraries," as being mainly gathered during his occasional journeys, and from this source the earlier section of the present volume is made up; it should, however, be stated that much of the "Itineraries" for the years after 1769 was incorporated in the notes to the "Diary" as already printed.

In making these selections for publication, one of the chief aims has been to include extracts illustrative of the history of New England, especially of Connecticut, and also of the personal history of Yale graduates.

The later section of this volume contains a portion of the letters received by Dr. Stiles, especially during his residence in Newport from 1755 to 1776,—together with a few letters addressed to other persons preserved in his files, of special interest.

A somewhat full index of names is furnished, as a partial substitute for the multiplication of foot-notes.

It is a pleasure to acknowledge the valuable assistance rendered to the editor in the preparation of this volume by Professor Charles M. Andrews.

Yale University,
August, 1916.

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EXTRACTS FROM
ITINERARIES AND MEMOIRS
OF
PRESIDENT STILES

1755-94

Nov^r. 18th, 1755, happen'd a violent shock of an earthquake. It began at Newport IV^h, 2', Manè. Duration 2 Minutes. About an Hour after, was another very moderate. And Nov^r. 22^d. Ins^t. at VIII^h. 20½ Minutes in Evening there fell another. Durat. 1 Min. . . .

SOME THOUGHTS ON RAISING A FAMILY.

By Tho^s. Chesebrough,¹ A. M., of Stonington, who gave his Estate to his B^r. David of Newport, who shewed me this Memoir.

To do this, keep your Estate in one Hand; never divide it or cut off any, especially Lands. Let every one who succeeds, make what Additions he can; which add to the former, & keep all intire. And by this Means with Frugality & Industry, the Estate will increase vastly in a few descents. 'Tis not good to be upon a Level, or under the Foot of every Scoundrel.

As for the other Children, if there are several, give them Trades, Merchandiz^e, Physic, &c. The Method above mentioned will soon enable you to set them up: such often come to Live as well as the Heir: especially instruct them to write and cypher well. This I think is better for every one, than to have a little Scrap of Land to starve upon, and the Estate ruined, & the Family sink into Obscurity.

Let not your Scheme be known, but encourage others to divide their Estates: for hereby you will be more likely to buy their Lands that lie convenient: and the more their Estates are divided, the more it will add to your Superiority.

When you have a Landed Estate, have no Concern with the Sea. With Diligence & Frugality, your Estate will encrease fast eno' without exposing it to Hazard—Festina lente. The Head of the Family should consider

¹ Son of William and Mary (McDowell), of Stonington; baptized Jan. 26, 1707; B.A. Harvard Coll. 1726; died Dec. 11, 1754, unmarried.

himself, as the Head and Patron & Father of the rest, always take their Part, and never suffer them to be oppress.

Decr. 27, 1756.

HOUSES &c. IN NEW HAVEN IN 1757

Jan^r. 16, 1758. M^r. Jer. Child¹ & myself & Wife by Memory counted the Dwelling Houses in New Haven, and found 101 without the Square², 100 within the Square including the Goal—200 Dwelling Houses in the whole:—Besides 2 Colleges, 2 Meeting Houses of Independents, 1 Chh. Eng. Meeting House, 1 Court House, 2 Schoolhouses.

There are about 1260 Inhabitants, exclusive of Scholars & Neutral French. There are 197 Houses inhabited by English; Houses inhabited by 6 Persons at a Medium. There are 6 Houses inhabited by 1 Person—6 by 2—13 by 3—20 by 4—26 by 5—46 by 6—22 by 7—19 by 8—9 by 9—16 by 10—8 by 11—3 by 12—1 by 14—1 by 15—1 by 16.

In the year 1757 were about 170 Students in College—about 70 of which lived out of College. The whole Number of Inhabitants in Town—1430, exclusive of French Neutrals.

N. B. Deacon Dickerman's, Deacon Hitchcock's, M^r. Stephen Munson's, M^r. Pynchard's Houses bounded our Reckoning.³

Apr. 4, 1761. My Wife remembers the building of 94 dwelling houses in 25 y., i. e. from A. D. 1735 to 1760 only, in room of old ones.

M. S.

DANIELIS JOHAN. PYNCHON

De Springfield

COLL. YAL. ALUMN.

Qui

Opt. Art. Exornatione

Et Humanitate claruit,

Charissimam Vitam integerrimè & inculpatè peregit.

Obiit

Apr. 22, 1754, Ætat. 20.⁴

¹ Yale College 1757.

² The nine squares of which the Green is the center.

³ These limits are the same as those of the well-known "Plan of New Haven in 1748."

⁴ Inscription composed by Dr. Stiles, and placed over the grave of D. J. Pynchon in New Haven. He was a son of Judge William Pynchon, and died while a Junior in College.

In Memory
of
MR. SAMUEL HALL JUN.
Son of the
Rev^d. Samuel Hall.¹
He received
A liberal Education at
YALE-COLLEGE,
Took his Degree 1754,
And died
Apr. 16, 1755, Ætat. 20.
Farewell, vain World; as thou hast been to me
Dust & a Shadow, these I leave with thee.

NEWPORT, Aug^t. 2, 1755

D^r. Sir,

For Amusem^t I send you a Copy of 39th Chapter of Genesis, Entituled
Abraham & the Stranger—wrote by *B. Franklin Esq^r.*²

CHAP. XXXIX.

And it came to pass after these Things that Abraham sat at the Door of his Tent, about the Going down of the Sun.

2. And behold a Man bowed with Age came from the Way of the Wilderness leaning on a Staff.

3. And Abraham rose & met him, & said unto him, turn in I pray thee, & wash thy Feet, & tarry all Night; and thou shalt arise early on the Morrow, and go on thy Way.

4. And Abraham pressed him greatly; so he turned & went in; & Abraham baked unleavened Bread & the Man did eat.

5. And when Abraham saw that he blessed not God; he said unto him, wherefore dost thou not worship the most High God, Creator of Heaven & Earth?

6. And the Man answered & said, I do not worship the God thou speakest of, neither do I call upon his Name; for I have made to myself a God, which abideth always in mine House & provideth me with all Things.

7. And Abraham's Zeal was kindled against the Man, and he arose & fell upon him; & drove him forth with Blows into the Wilderness.

8. And at Midnight God called unto Abraham, saying, Abraham, where is the Stranger?

9. And Abraham answered & said, Lord, he would not worship thee, neither would he call upon thy Name; therefore I have driven him forth from before my Face into the Wilderness.

10. And God said, have I born with him these hundred & ninety eight Years, and nourished him and clothed him, notwithstanding his Rebellion

¹ Of Cheshire, Conn.; the inscription was composed by Dr. Stiles. The poetical quotation is from Richard Baxter's *Poetical Fragments*.

² This brochure was first printed in 1759, as the 51st Chapter of Genesis.

against me; and couldst not thou, who art thyself a Sinner, bear with him one Night?

11. And Abraham said, let not the Anger of the Lord wax hot against his Servant: lo I have sinned, forgive me, I pray thee.

12. And Abraham went forth into the Wilderness & sought diligently for the Man, and 'found him, & when he had treated him kindly, he sent him away on the morrow with Gifts.

13. And God spake again unto Abraham, saying, for this thy Sin shall thy Seed be afflicted four Hundred Years in a strange Land.

14. But for thy Repentance will I deliver them, and they shall come forth with Power, and with Gladness of Heart, and with much Substance. . . .

PHILAD^a. Sept. 1, 1755.

Dr. Sir,

I beg leave to introduce to you the Rev^d. Mr. Allison Rector of our Academy; a Person of great Ingenuity & Learning, a catholic Divine, & what is more, an *Honest Man*; For as Pope says

"A Wit's a Feather, & a Chief's a Rod;
An honest Man's the *noblest* Work of God."

By Entertaining then this Gent. with your accustomed Hospitality & Benevolence, you will Entertain one of the Nobility. I mean one of *God's* Nobility; for as to the *King's*, there are many of them not worthy your Notice.

Do me the Favour to make my Compliments acceptable to your good Lady, Sisters & Children in whose most agreeable Company I passed those chearful Winter Evenings, which I remember with high Pleasure. I am, with the greatest Esteem & Respect,

Dr. Sir,

Your most obed^t.

& most humble Serv^t.,

B. FRANKLIN.

Dr. BABCOCK¹

To the Rev^d. Corporation of Yale College,

Gentlemen,

My Absolute Refusal to Submit to an Examination in Pursuance to the Resolve of the Corporation at their last Meeting, in Consequence of a Resolve of the Corporation made Nov. 21, 1751 [1753] wherein it was Provided "That when it is Suspected by any of the Corporation, that either the President, or any Fellow or Professor of Divinity &c. has fallen from the Profession of his faith &c. he shall be Examined by the Corporation," is I think fully warranted by the following Reasons:

¹ Joshua Babcock (Yale 1724), of Westerly, R. I. This letter does not appear in Franklin's collected Works.

1. I have once qualified my Selfe to Serve as a Member of the Corporation & have good Right to be Esteemed & Treated as a Member in good Standing, untill I am proved to be disqualified.

2. The Law or Resolve upon which my Examination is founded, is Arbitrary; for a man to be subjected to an Examination, on Suspicion only, is contrary to all Reason.

3. Said Law or Resolve is manifestly Unjust, as it Subjects a Man tho' innocent, to Suffer in his Character & Influence, & leaves him without Remedy.

4. Said Law or Resolve is Singular and unprecedented; there having never been hereto any Law or Rule of the like Nature, in this Corporation, or any other Christian Community, except the Courts of Inquisition & Star Chamber.

5. Said Law or Resolve, is inconsistent with the Ecclesiastical Constitution of this Colony; as I am a Minister of the Gospell under the Constitution, I am accountable to the Consociation to which I belong, touching my Principles, and not to this Board.

6. Said Law or Resolve, is contrary to the Rules of the common Law; all Legal Processes, according to the common Law, must be built upon some express Accusation or Charge, to be Supported by proper & Sufficient evidence; but Suspicion and Surmise are always discountenanced.

7. The Corporation have no right or Power, to make such a Law or Rule nor to act upon it; whatever Power the Corporation have, as Legislators, they are Invested with by Charter, and hence therefore Just so much Power as the Charter gives them and no more, which in general is only to make Laws Respecting the well ordering, and governing the College, but have no right or Power to make any Law Respecting the removal of a Member of the Corporation, this Matter being specially provided for by the Charter itself, & a Member must be removed for Reasons assigned in the Charter, or not Removed at all; which are Unfaithfulness, Default or Incapacity only.

8. I have taken the Oaths; and Subscribed the Declaration &c. as Required by the Charter (and is the only thing required therein) and have thereby given as great Security, as either the King of any of his Subjects, or this Governm^t. of any of its members do require to their Sustaining any Office, for which they are otherwise fit and appointed to serve.

9. I do not esteem this Corporation so important & Singular, or the Ends to be promoted by it to be of so Extraordinary & peculiar a Nature, but that these Securitys, usually given to Other Corporations, may be sufficient for this.

JOSEPH NOYES.¹

1757, Sept. 14.

¹ A copy of a paper by the Rev. Joseph Noyes (Yale 1709), of New Haven; in the handwriting of Mr. Noyes's successor in the ministry, Chauncey Whitelsey (Yale 1738); Thomas Darling (Yale 1740), a lawyer, and Mr. Noyes's son-in-law, is said to have aided in its composition. Mr. Noyes had been a member of the Corporation since 1735.

July 10, 1761. For several Reasons M^r. Noyes had become obnoxious to President Clap, Mess^{rs}. Williams, Whitman, Hobart, of the Corporation of Yale College. They thot they could carry their Points, especially prevail on the Assembly to support a Professor of Divinity, by taking the New Light Side, which Mess^{rs}. Noyes, Eliot, Ruggles, Russel & Stoddard (as well as the others except M^r. Williams) had always opposed. But the New Lights would not for a long time believe the President that he was sincere, because he had Arminian, nay Arian Fellows & Tutors. For this & because M^r. Noyes always opposed a Professor as a College Chaplain for Lordays, M^r. Clap impeaches him of Heresy to the Corporation, & prevailed (by influencing M^r. Russel to be neuter & by a pretext M^r. Stoddard to act) so far as to produce a Decree of the Corporation that M^r. Noyes should be examined by them as to his Orthodoxy. To this Decree M^r. Noyes put in this Answer. M^r. Hart¹ wrote on the subject. And it was so generally esteemed an arbitrary Proceeding that the Corporation dropt it; and let M^r. Noyes die in peace & a Member of the Corporation to his Death, which happened June 14, 1761, Æt. 73.

A LIST OF THE FORTS UPON THE RIVER ALLEGHIE²
NOW BELONGING TO THE FRENCH, VIZ³ .:

The first is a Fort⁴ about 60 Miles above Fort *Du Quisne*.⁴ There is no other Fort when you pass Fort *du Quisne* until you come to *Wabash* which is about 800 Miles down the River. From *Wabash* there is none until you go unto *Ocar*⁵ which is about 400 Miles.

The next is Fort *Du Charters*,⁶ which is 18 Miles distant from Ocar by Land & about 66 Miles by Water. Above this about 18 Miles there is another Fort,⁷ but very small.

¹ Rev. William Hart (Yale 1732), of Saybrook. He published anonymously in 1757 *A Letter to a Friend*, dealing with this incident.

² The Ohio River, formed by the junction of the Alleghany and the Monongahela, was originally known also as the Alleghany.

³ Fort Venango, in the present town of Franklin, Venango County, Pa.

⁴ In Pittsburgh, Pa.

⁵ Au Kas, or Aux Kaskaskias, short for Poste aux Kaskaskias; the Kaskaskia river is called locally "Okaw" to-day.

⁶ Fort Chartres, or De Chartres, near the eastern bank of the Mississippi, in Southwestern Illinois.

⁷ Cahokia, just below East St. Louis.

This *Ocar* there is no Fort, but a Company of Soldiers' lying there. Another Town^a between *Ocar* & *Du Charter*, but neither Fort nor Soldiers lying therein. These 2 Towns & 2 Forts, *Du Charters* & another above it, are upon one of the Branches of Mississippi. From this *Du Charter* unto *Fort Du Zark*^b is 750 Miles. From this to *Fort Noxia*¹⁰ is about 450 Miles. From this to *Fort Lappen Cupie*¹¹ is about 170 Miles. Betwixt *Fort Noxia* & *Lappen Cupie* there is a small Fort built in the Woods, where there is about 25 Men kept there with some Indians.

From *Lappen Cupie* unto *New Orleans* is about 130 Miles. But above *New Orleans* 21 Miles, there is a Settlement belonging to the *Dutch*, where they have a little Fort,¹² but of no Force. These are all that I past by above *New Orleans*.

Distance from *Fort Du Quesne* 800 Miles. To *Wabash* (Ouback) 466. To *Fort Du Charters* 750. To *Fort Dezark* 450. To *Fort Noxia* 170. To *Lappen Cupie* 130.

These are the Forts that I saw, and Part of which I was within. The others I did not see, but as I was informed, save that *Dutch* Fort. But their Distances as nigh as I can I have mentioned.

JN^o WILLSON.

Jan^y. 1, 1758. Copied from the original Paper given to Cap^t. *Bull* in *New Orleans* thro' the Grates of the Prison by Jn^o. Wilson imprisoned there, having been taken a Prisoner from the Back Settlements of *Virginia* or &c. The s^d. Cap^t. *Bull* was at *New Orleans* in Summer of 1757.

THE PRICE OF SILVER FROM THE YEAR 1700 IN BOSTON

1700	} 7 ^s . / per Ounce	1712	} 8/6
1701		1713	
1702		1714	} 9/
1703		1715	
1704		1716	} 10/
1705	} 8/	1717	
1706		1718	11/
1707		1719	12/
1708		1720	12/4
1709		1721	12/4 13/ 13/6
1710	} 8/4	1722	14/ 14/6
1711		1723	14/6 15/ 15/6

^a *Prairie du Rocher*.

^b *Aux Arkansas*. Cf. *Ozark* mountains.

¹⁰ *Natchez*.

¹¹ *La Pointe Coupée*, Louisiana, on the western bank of the Mississippi, some 25 miles above *Baton Rouge*.

¹² *Côte des Allemands*.

1724	16/ 16/6	1742	28/ 27/6 28/6 29/
1725	16/ 15/	1743	30/ 32/
1726	} 16/	1744	32/ 33/ 34/
1727		1745	35/ 36/ 37/
1728	16/6 17/ 18/	1746	37/ 38/ 40/ 45/ 48/ 50/
1729	19/ 19/6 20/ 21/ 22/	1747	53/ 55/ 58/ 60/ 58/
1730	21/ 20/ 19/	1748	58/ 56/ 55/ 57/ 55/ 56/ 58/ 56/
1731	18/6 19	1749	56/ 58/ 60/ 58/
1732	19/6 20 20/6	1750	56/ 55/ 54/ 50/
1733	21/ 21/6 22/ 22/6 23/	1751	} 50/
1734	24/ 25/ 26/ 26/6 27/	1752	
1735	27/6	1753	
1736	27/ 26/6	A true Copy taken from our Books.	
1737	26/6 27/	JACOB HURD	
1738	27/6 28/	THO ^s . EDWARDS } Goldsmiths	
1739	29/ 29/6 29/	A true Copy of the Original	
1740	28/6 29/ 28/ 29/	taken Oct ^r . 28 th . 1753	
1741	28/6 28/	per EZRA STILES	

1752, Feb. 21 64/ Nov^r. 65/

PRICE OF DOLLARS AT NEW HAVEN

1752, Feb. 21 64/ Nov^r. 65/

1753, Mar. 65/ Aug^t. 65/

1754 66/ 68/ 70/ 72/

1755 70/ 72/ 80/

...	VALUATION OF ESTATES	POLLS	TAX
IN COLONY OF RHODE ISLAND, A. D. 1757			
Newport	£5,126,813.	1,017	£20,000.
Providence	2,522,396.	552	7,578.
Portsmouth	1,327,714.	222	4,496. 3. 8
Warwick	1,381,527.	336	4,627. 3
Westerly	629,037.	289	2,528.
N. Shoram	391,063.	82	2,116. 2
N. Kingston	1,060,470.	423	4,550.
S ^o . Kingston	2,206,600.	361	7,337. 10
E. Greenwich	628,222.	254	2,581. *
James T ^o .	644,478.	70	2,252. 18. 10
Smithfield	1,305,377.	421	5,570.
Situate	no Return	—	2,560.
Glocester	716,096.	360	2,550.
Charlstown	406,031.	178	1,750.
W. Greenwich	316,818.	217	1,646.
Coventry	No Return	—	1,646.
Exeter	605,886.	276	2,225.

Middletown	£776,366.	130	£3,076.17. 2
Bristol	No Return	—	2,600.
Tiverton	817,512.	227	3,304.11. 9
Little Compton	905,946.	229	3,352.16. 7
Warren	635,675.	172	2,400.
Cumberland	557,312.	218	1,668.
Richmond	185,846.	181	1,525.
Cranston	894,268.	281	3,874.
Hopkinton	518,476.	226	2,084.10.
	24,659,927.	6,722	
Add about	1,749,010.	717	
	26,408,937.	7,439	

I suppose Situate 250 Polls, Coventry 217, Bristol 250.

May, 1758. The Sum of Proxies for Mr. Hopkins & Mr. Ward¹ was 3,390; which is about half the Polls in the Colony. . . .

FAMILIES CHHMEN. A. D. 1760.²

S ^o . KINGSTON		N ^o . KINGSTON	
Cap ^t . Jn ^o . Brown	2	Francis Willet	1
Mr. Mat. Robinson	2	Tho. Phillips	2
Sam ^l . Casey	1	M ^{rs} . Wall	1
Tho ^o . Brown	2	Doctor Hazard	1
Jn ^o . Case	2	Col. Hazard	3
Sam ^l . Brown	2	M ^{rs} . Helmes	1
Jer. Brown	1	Christ ^o . Hawkins	1
Jn ^o . Brown	1		—
Jn ^o . Gardner	8		10
—			
21		Mr. Roland Robinson	1
		Major Brenton	1
		Sam ^l . Curtiss	1

PRESBYTERIANS, N^o. & S^o. KINGSTON

James Helmes	5	— Armstrong	2
W ^m . Mumford	9	— Gould	4
Jer. Niles	5	Sam ^l . Wilson	3
Tho ^o . Hawkins	2	Sam ^l . Oatly	1
Oliver Hazard	3	M ^{rs} . Dyer	1
Silas Niles	3	And ^w . Nicols	1

¹ Stephen Hopkins and Samuel Ward were the two candidates for the governorship.

² Notices of many of these can be found in Updike's *History of the Narragansett Church*.

Cap ^t . Wilson	1	Mr. Caswell	2
Wilson Pollen	1	Nathan Gardner	4
Jer. Wilson	6		
James Smith	4		74
Geo. Douglass	2		
—— Sisters	3		
—— Son	1	Tho ^s . Hazard	1
Arthur Douglass	1	Widow Lewis	7
James Douglass	3	Tho ^s . Stedman	4
Jn ^o . Douglass	3	Benedict Helmes	3
Nath. Helmes	4	Oliver Helms	1

QUAKERS, S^o. KINGSTON

Rob ^t . Hazard	—— Swete	Jon ^a . Sherman
Jon ^a . Hazard	—— Hull	Ben. Potter
Jn ^o . Franklin	—— Irish	—— Rodman
Jn ^o . Smith	Enoch Hazard	—— D ^o .
Jn ^o . Smith	—— Congdon	—— D ^o .
Roland Robinson	—— D ^o .	James Sherman
Jn ^o . Watson	—— Cross	—— Taylor
W ^m . Gardner	—— Peckham	—— Boss
Jn ^o . D ^o .	—— D ^o .	—— D ^o .
Tho ^s . D ^o .	—— D ^o .	Caleb Gardner
W ^m . Tayler	—— D ^o .	Tho ^s . Cotteril
Jeffrey Watson	Rob. Knowles	—— D ^o .
Jn ^o . Rose	Jos. Seager	—— D ^o .
Henry Gardner	W ^m . Congdon	—— Hopkins
Steph. Hazard	Jos. Congdon	—— Whaley
Steph. Hazard	Ben. Perry	Job Babcock
Col. Jos. Hazard	James D ^o .	—— Son
Steph. Champlin	Sam ^l . Seagar	Job Raynolds
Jos. Congdon	W ^m . Knowles	Ben. Raynolds
Jn ^o . Potter	W ^m . Browning	Clem. Raynolds
Wid. Robinson	Jn ^o . Browning	Jn ^o . Watson
Christ. Robinson	W ^m . Browning, Jun.	Jos. Potter
Jos. Knowles	—— D ^o . Jun.	Nath. Niles
Caleb Hazard	W ^m . Potter	Paul Niles
Jn ^o . Bull	Jn ^o . Potter	Y. C. Tho ^s . Hazard ¹
Wid. Williams	Geo. Gardner	

BAPTISTS

Emanuel Casey	James Rogers, Elder, N. L.
—— Crandal	Sam ^l . Rogers
Elisha Raynolds	Jn ^o . Hosmer
Rob ^t . Potter	Ben. Waite, Preacher, N. L.

¹ Born 1720, and a student at Yale, without graduating, about 1740; see Miss Caroline Hazard's *Thomas Hazard, Son of Robert, called College Tom*.

Jn ^o . Crandal	—— Tift
—— Brayman	—— Babcock
Ben. Sherman	—— Babcock
Nath. Perkins	—— D ^o .
Sam ^l . Tift	—— Carpenter
Sam ^l . Tift	—— D ^o .
Jn ^o . Tift	Sylvanus Greenman
Dan ^l . Tift	Nath. Gardner
Dan ^l . Tift	Nat. Gardner

FAMILIES

Quakers	77
Baptists	26
Presbyterians	22
Chh. Eng.	18

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Total of White Inhabitants in S^o. Kingston A. D. 1755 were 1407, that is, about 13 to a Family.

There are in Bristol about 150 Families; of which scarcely one Third Chh. of England. In 1755 Total of Whites 966, that is, 6½ to a family.

June 1, 1761. I was told at Providence by a Chhman. in that Town that M^r. Greaves¹ had under 40 fam. under him; he said "a little above 30 & not 40". They were then repairing the Chh. Steeple.

Rev^d. M^r. Townsend told me 2 fam. Episc^o. in Warren and 6 more in Bounds of Rehoboth & thereabouts.

One Fam. Episc^o. in Saconet.²

N. B. Rev^d. D^r. Torrey³ gave me the preceding Acco^t. of S^o. Kingston.

¹ Rev. John Graves, vicar of Clapham, in the West Riding of Yorkshire, England, was appointed missionary at Providence in 1754, and died there in 1785.

² or Seconnet; the Indian name of Little Compton.

³ Joseph Torrey (Harvard Coll. 1728).

FAMILIES OF FRIENDS OF THE NEWPORT MEETING, JAN^r. 22, 1760

Mr. Matthew Borden	Jos. Jacobs
Mat. Barker M	Geo. Leighton
Jn ^o . Bennet	Jon ^a . Marsh
Jacob Barny	James Mitchel
Pet. Barker M	Jon ^a . Nichols
Pet. Barker, Jun ^r . M	Jos. Proud
Nat. Barny	Jn ^o . Proud
Jon ^a . Barny	Isaac Peckam
Bowen	Robt. Proud
Zacheus Chase	Jon ^a . Pettis
Rich ^d . Carpenter	Tho ^s . Richardson
Jn ^o . Casy	Ab ^m . Redwood
James Chase	W ^m . Redwood
W ^m . Cuzzens	Tho ^s . Robinson
And ^w . Cuzzens	Tho ^s . Rodman
James Coggeshall	Jos. Rodman
Elisha Coggeshall	W ^m . Robinson
Leonard Cuzzens	Ben. Stanton
James Carpenter	Ben. Stanton, Jun ^r .
Jn ^o . Dennis	—— Sanford
David Earl	Christ ^o . Townsend
Caleb Earl	Nicholas Townsend
James Easton	Peter Taylor
Nicholas Easton	Ed. Thurston
Sam ^l . Easton	Sam ^l . Thurston
Peter Easton	Sam. Thurston, Son of Ed ^d .
Tho ^s . Gould	Jn ^o . Thurston
Tho ^s . Gold, Son of Dan. M	Peleg Thurston
Dan ^l . Goddard	Job Townsend, Jun ^r .
Jn ^o . Goddard, Son of Dan.	Phil. Tillinghast
Jn ^o . Gould	Trip
Benj. Gould	Gideon Wanton
Sam ^l . Holmes	Gideon Wanton, Jun ^r .
Jn ^o . Harding	Jn ^o . Wanton
—— Hull	Jos. Wanton
—— Clark	Jn ^o . Wanton
Charles Irish	Phil. Wanton
Jn ^o . James	Step. Wanton

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Of these 72 five are Bachelors, & 7 belong to Middletown.¹

¹ The latter are marked "M" in the list. Middletown adjoins Newport on the northeast.

FAMILIES NOT IN UNITY

Jn ^o . Allen M	Geo. Irish	
Jn ^o . Anthony	James Miller	
Gid. Cornwal	Peleg Peckam	
Geo. Cornwal M	Jn ^o . Wood M	
Geo. Cornwal M	Jn ^o . Peabody M	
Jn ^o . Collins	Fra. Pope	
W ^m . Cranston	Rouf Potter	
Peter Cuzzens	W ^m . Redwood, Jun ^r .	
Ben Bagnal	Jonas Redwood	
Mat. Borden	Giles Slocum M	
Jon ^s . Easton	Rob. Tayler, Son Peter	
Preserved Fish	Rob. Tayler	
Ben. Greene	Jn ^o . Wilbour	
Sam ^l . Hazard M	James Wanton	
Ludowic Hoxby	Jos. Wilbour	
Isaac Howland	Jn ^o . Wing	33
Cap ^t . Holly		

Of these 33 one unmarried, and 7 belong to Middletown.

In Unity	72
Not in Unity	33
	105 Fam.

The Families of the Town of Newport as near as I can collect for the year 1760 are nearly thus:—

Presbyterians, ¹ both Meetings	228—41	Widows—in 2 ^d	40	Bachelors
Episcopalians	169	18 Widows	31	"
Friends	105			
Bapt. M ^r . Upham	25	}	190	
— — Maxen	15			
— — Thurston	150			
Jews, about	15	}	30	
Moravians, about	15			
	712			

There are about 1100 Names in the List of Assessment for the year 1760. There are 542 Fam., exclusive M^r. Thurston's Bapt., the Morav. & Jews, which I estimate at more. So there may be 750 Fam. in the Town of Newport, exclusive of Blacks. From Jan. 1, 1760, to Jan. 1, 1761, from an account which I kept, there died 210 Persons, of which 24 died at Sea, & 2 Strangers. Of these

¹ or Congregationalists.

210, 36 were Negroes. Of the 210, Adults were 134, of w^c. 8 under 20 Æt. Male Adults 65, Female D^o. 69. Children under 14 years Æt., 76, of w^c. 18 Negro children.

Out of the 750 Fam. Whites died 274 Persons A.D. 1760. M^r. W^m. Coddington tells me that A. D. 1748 he counted the Number of Families in Newport 1200.

Sept. 1761. According to Valuation taken the Number of Dwelling Houses was 888, Warehouses & other Buildings 439, Polls 1250, 16 Æt. & upwards. Slaves from 14 Æt. to 45, 666.

REV^d. M^r. GARDNER THURSTON'S BAPTISTS

Benoni Gardner	— Leighton (Deacon)	Mat. Cuzzens
M ^{rs} . Sheffield	Jn ^o . Holmes	Wid. Sanford
Job Bennet	— Card	Geo. Gardner, 2 ^d .
— Carpenter	Wid. Green	Bill Rodman
Sam ^l . Brown	Obed Wing	Rob ^t . Carr
M ^{rs} . Little	Tho ^s . Stevens	Wid. Arnold
Sales Carr	Job. Bennet	Martin Howard, Esq ^r .
W ^m . Sanford	Wid. Gardner	Wid. Clark
— Phillips	Jos. Gardner	— Green
W ^m . Gardner	— Phillips	— Atwood
— Clark	Jn ^o . Rogers	Wid. Spencer
Jn ^o . Green	Ezek. Burroughs	Clark Brown
Tho ^s . Green	James D ^o .	Wid. Coddington
Tho ^s . Tillinghast	Jos. Tillinghast, Jun ^r .	Nat. Coddington
Caleb Carr	M ^r . Gavitt	Wid. Bailey
— Cleaveland	Elias Bryan	W ^m . Baily
Rob. Bridges	Rob. Barker	Doctor Eyeress
— Son	Jn ^o . D ^o .	Hon. Jn ^o . Gardner, Esq ^r .
Geo. Gardner, Esq ^r .	— Barker	Jos. Sanford
Wid. Gardner	Wid. D ^o .	Josh. Almy
Jn ^o . Gardner	Wid. Warner	Bill Gardner
Ed. Chh.	— Goddard	— Bush
Elisha Sherman	Simon Peas	— Cornell
Tho. Wever	Tho. Carpenter	Jn ^o . Tillinghast
Wid. Hill	M ^{rs} . Vernon	Jon ^a . D ^o .
Ed. Lillibridge	James Gardner	Pardon D ^o .
Step. Peckam	Isband Sanford	James Lyon
Lawrence Clark	James Barker	Jn ^o . Sherman
— Weden	James D ^o .	Jn ^o . Dennis
W ^m . Wedon	Jn ^o . D ^o .	James Hardy
Wid. Hookeys	— Lyndsay	Tho ^s . Atwood
Step. D ^o .	Tho ^s . West	Wid. Mumford
Dan ^l . D ^o .	Jn ^o . Clark	Jos. Warren
Bill D ^o .	Jos. Warren	Jer. Hill
Gardner Thurston	Jos. Tillinghast, Sen.	— Clark

Tim ^o . Peckham	Clothier Pierce	Tho. George
Wid. Sumners	Cap ^t . Moulton	—— Cornwell
—— Grindal	Paul Coffin	Ben. Peckham
W ^m . Burroughs	Sam. Burroughs	Jos. Card
Jn ^o . More	Peleg Barker	Ben. Brown
Wid. Atwood	Constant Taber	Eb. Murphy
Fran. Wedon	Ep. Macomber	Ben Phillips
Sam Fowler	—— Easton	
Wid. Jones	Jn ^o Antony	

136 Fam. below

5

141 Fam.

6

846 Persons

36 Wall Pews below

32 Body Pews

68 Pews

Rec^d. this Acco^t. fr. D^r. Eyres.¹FAMILIES OF CHH. OF ENGLAND, NEWPORT, JAN^y. 10, 1760

Mr. James Allen	1.	Jn ^o . Belitho	14.
W ^m . Allen	4.	Henry Bull	32.
Jn ^o . Almy		Jos. Bull	12.
Joshua Amy	66.	Jn ^o . Bristow	0
Steph. Ayrault	95.	Cha. Bowler	0
Dan. Ayrault	55.	Met. Bowler	90.
Dan ^l . Ayrault, Jun ^r .	80.	—— Battan	40.
Jn ^o . Archer	1.10	Nat. Bird	40.
Wid. Almy	2.	—— Brooks	0
Jahleel Brenton	150.	Jn ^o . Bush	4.
Ch ^a . Bardin	10.	Tho ^a . Cranston	60.
Sam ^l . Brenton	15.	Edw ^d . Cole	20.
Rich ^d . Beal	12.	James Collins	25.
Jn ^o . Bazzee	2.	Jn ^o . Chaloner	6.
Oliver Beer	8.	Walter Chaloner	5.
Peter Bours	55.	Rob. Crooke	70.
Sam ^l . Bours	10.	Silas Cooke	80.
Jn ^o . Brown	90.	Jos. Cowley	40.
Jn ^o . Brown, Jun ^r .	16.	Oliver Champlin	0
Fra. Brinley	50.	Jabez Champlin	9.
Jer. Brown	15.	Dan ^l . Coggeshall	23.

¹ Thomas Eyres, Yale 1754.

—— Campbel	8.	Godfry Malbone, Jun ^r .	180.
James Cohoon	25.	Ben Mason	60.
Walter Cranston	20.	Evan Malbone	80.
W ^m . Coddington	30.	Jn ^o . Miller	25.
Jn ^o . Coddington	60.	Jn ^o . Maudsly	22.
Wid. Chaloner	0	Fra. Malbone	60.
Dr. Antony Vigneron	4.10	Nat. Mumford	18.
Christ ^o . Champlin	25.	W ^m . Mumford	25.
Jn ^o . Dupee	15.	Sam Mumford	2.
Peter Dorden	25.	Pet. Mumford	12.
Eben ^r . Dunton	8.	Christ. Meyers	6.
Rob ^t . Duncan	5.	Owen Morris	7.
—— Decosta	0	Jn ^o . Miller, Cap ^t .	9.
Jn ^o . Donnerly	1.	Wid. Mundy	0
Doctor Ellis	20	James Nixon	30.
Job Easton	10.	—— Notchil	4
Jn ^o . Freebody	20.	W ^m . Crossen	3.
Tho ^a . Freebody	44.	—— Croswell	0
Miller Frost	30.	Jn ^o . Overing	18.
Sam ^l . Freebody	21.	Geo. Owen	0
Wid. Goulding	13.	W ^m . Paul	9.
Caleb Godfrey	6.	Simon Pease, Jun ^r .	5.
Jn ^o . Grelia	1.10	James Potter	5.
Sam ^l . Goldthwait	135.	Lawrence Payne	3.
James Gould	40.	Isaac Martindel	4.
Wid. Gidly	7.	D ^r . Crosius	2.
James Honeyman	120.	Wid. Brett	0
Martin Howard, Jun ^r .	28.	Will. Ryder	2.
Cha. Handy	30.	James Roach	14.
An ^d . Hunter	30.	W ^m . Richards	90.
Geo. Hazard	34.	Rob. Robinson	6.
Benj. Hicks	0	Wid. Robinson	0
Pet. Harrison	25.	Tho ^a . Robinson	30.
James Hill	5.	Wid. Brenton	0
Wid. Holton	0	Wid. Updike	0
Jn ^o . Jepson	54.	Wid. Sawdy	0
Peter James	34.	Isaac Stelle	40.
Tim ^o . Ingraham	14.	Rob. Sherman	28.
Aug. Johnston	20.	Ed. Scott	100.
Rob ^t . Jenkins	5.	Jos. Scott	90.
Jn ^o . Linscomb	3.	Job Snell	15.
Jn ^o . Jenkins	0	Rob. Stoddard	35.
Isaac Leighton	28.	Peter Simons	50.
—— D ^o .	4.	Sam ^l . Sweet	1.10
Christ ^o . Mastenbury		Wid. Hastings	
John Magee		Geo. Gibbs	
Godfry Malbone	116.	Ben Green's Wife & Son	

— Allen		James Venables	1.
Cap ^t . Allen		Jn ^o . Northrup	0
Ben. Belcher	1.	Sam ^l . Johnson	25.
Wid. Wilson		Jos. Arnold	0
Jn ^o . Wanton		Jos. Wanton	95.
Zeb. Wanton		Jos. Wanton, Jun ^r .	120.
Jn ^o . Morgan		— Wheatly	10.
Wid. King		Pet. Wanton	12.
Jn ^o . Thurston	15.	Jn ^o . Whitehouse	1.
Jn ^o . Tweedy	100.	Phil. Wilkinson	100.
T. Teckel Taylor	35.	Tho ^s . Wickham	50.
— Tompkins	6.	Cha. Wickham	100.
Wid. Thurston	0	Benj. Wickham	
Wid. Tate	1.10	Wid. Wickham	
Wid. Belcher		Fr. Brunel	10.
Abner West	1.	James Hardy	5.
Cap. Fear	0		
Tho ^s . Vernon	8.	Tot. 170 Fam.	£4,323.10

UNMARRIED & YOUNG MEN

James Duncan	20.	Tho ^s . Wickham	0	Geo. Champlin
Jn ^o . Duncan	0	Ben Brenton	0	Tho ^s . Stelle
Dan ^l . Duncan	0	Geo. Frost	1.	Geo. Nichols
Peleg Wood	0	Rob. Taylor Sherman	0	Dan. Fourtain
Nath ^l . Bull	0	Caleb Godfry, Jun ^r .	0	Fra. Honyman
W ^m . Bull	0	— Keith	0	Rob. Eliot
Christ. Champlin	25.	— Wright	0	Doctor Hunter
James Brenton	0	Pet. Cook		Sam Frebody
Jn ^o . Malbone	0	Sam ^l . Ayrault		Sol ^o . Townsend
W ^m . Tweedy	0	Geo. Gibbs		Jn ^o . Bours
		W ^m . Wanton		

In the £15000. Assessment of Newport for 1758 the Episcopalians were assessed £4323.10.0, that is above one quarter of the whole. . . .

FAMILIES OF THE PRESBYTERIAN MEETING AT TIVERTON, REV^d. M^r. CAMPBELL

Abraham Brown	Nath ^l . Crandal	Jn ^o . Sawyer, Deacon
Lovat Briggs	Joshua Dwelly	Sam ^l . Seabury
Peleg Almy	Cha. Dyer	Jn ^o . Seabury
Geo. Borden	Philip Gray	W ^m . Sanford
Wid. Crandal	Smiden Hart	Peleg Simmons
Lemuel Crandal	W ^m . Manster	Jos. Tabor
Ben. Crandal	Christ ^o . Manchester	Gideon Tompkins
Oliver Baily	Ben. Palmer	— Tompkins
Tim ^o . Cloyson Fam.	Stephen Manster	Paul Tabor
Christ ^o . Cadman	Geo. Pierce	Tho ^s . Tabor

} Deacons

Wid. Briggs	Giles Pierce	Jos. Tabor
Sam ^l . Cook	Ab ^m . Read	Tho ^s . Tabor, Jun ^r ., Dartm ^o .
Widow Corey	Ben. Seabury	Christ ^o . Tompkins
Abiel Cook	Sion Seabury	Michael Tompkins
Jos. Crandal	Josiah Sayer	Jn ^o . Wilcox
Wid. Davenport	Jon ^s . Stoddard	W ^m . Wilcox
D ^o . Jun ^r .	Sam ^l . Sanford	50 Families

BAPTISTS, REV^d. M^r. ROUNDS

Col. Almy	Jn ^o . Manchester	Jos. Tabor
Wid. Corey	W ^m . Manchester, Presb.	Philip Tabor
Ben. King	Ben. Manchester	Peleg Tabor
Rich ^d . Hart	—— Read, Preacher	Jon ^s . Tabor, Dartm ^o .
Step. Hart	Ruscomb Sanford, Esq ^r .	Phil. Tabor, Jun ^r .
Isaac Manchester	Eben ^r . Tabor	W ^m . Tabor
	Walter Tabor	Jn ^o . Tabor

About 40 Families of Quakers in Tiverton.

PRESBYTERIANS IN LITTLE COMPTON, SEPT. 3^d, 1760

Deacon Hall	Sam ^l . Baily	Nath Searls
Deac. Peabody	Wid. D ^o .	D ^o . D ^o .
W ^m . Richards	Isaac Southworth	Dan ^l . D ^o .
D ^o . D ^o .	Jn ^o . Coe	Jn ^o . Bennet
Perez D ^o .	Rob ^t . Taylor	James D ^o .
Caleb Chh.	D ^o . D ^o .	Tho ^s . Doring
Eben ^r . D ^o .	Gideon D ^o .	Philip D ^o .
Nath. D ^o .	Oliver Hillard	W ^m . Carr
W ^m . D ^o .	David D ^o .	Philip Taylor
Jos. Wood	Steph. Brownel	Jos. D ^o .
Geo. D ^o .	Geo. D ^o .	*Jos. Danforth
Jn ^o . D ^o .	Jon ^s . D ^o .	James Pierce
Benj. Chh.	W ^m . Simmons	Geo. D ^o .
Tho ^s . Browne	D ^o . D ^o .	Sam ^l . D ^o .
Jer. Briggs	Jn ^o . D ^o .	Elisha Clap
W ^m . D ^o .	Benj. D ^o .	Rich ^d . Greenhill
Jn ^o . Bailey	Adam D ^o .	Jephth Pearce
W ^m . Taylor	Geo. D ^o .	

FAMILIES IN MIDDLETOWN, JULY 20, 1760

T James Easton	W ^m . Barker	Ed. Barker
Walter D ^o .	{ Hen. Tew	Jer. Barker
Edw ^d . D ^o .	{ Job Tew	Abigail Baily
T Jos. Clark	{ W ^m . Peckham	{ Hen. Tew
Jon ^s . Easton	{ W ^m . D ^o .	{ Giles Barker
Mary Tew	D ^o . D ^o .	Sarah Smith

T Israel Chh.	W ^m . Coggeshal	Jn ^o . Rogers
{ Isaac Smith	{ James Mitchel	{ Sam ^l . Do.
T { Eliz ^a . Smith	T { Matthew Barker	T { Rich ^d . Ward
{ Giles Sanford	{ Peleg Slocum	{ Tho ^a . Gold
{ Jn ^o . Holmes	{ Giles D ^o .	{ Dan D ^o .
{ Benj ^a . Smith	W ^m . Leighton	{ Tho ^a . D ^o .
{ Jemima Smith	T James Wanton	Jon ^a . Antony
{ Jn ^o . Peabody	T Jos. Martin	Tho ^a . Weaver
{ Jos. Peabody	{ Joseph Slocum	T James Chase
{ Jn ^o . Taylor	{ Jn ^o . D ^o .	T Sam ^l . Hazard
{ Mary Sheldon	Cornelius Clark	Sam ^l . Peckham
T David Manchester	T James Coggeshall	Job Peckham
T T. Freebody	{ James Phillips	Salisbury Stoddard
Jn ^o . Wood	{ Widdow D ^o .	T { Jn ^o . Kirby
Jn ^o . Allen	T { Elisha Card	T { Sam ^l . Tripp
Sam ^l . Allen	T { Nic ^o . Coggeshal	{ Dan ^l . Peckham
Sam ^l . Baily	Geo. Cornwal	{ Wait D ^o .
Jos. Rider	T { Jos. Nicols	{ Jn ^o . Green
T Cap ^t . Whiting	{ Alice Nicols	{ Mary D ^o .
T Amos Whiting	Matthew Coggeshal	W ^m . Baily
M ^{rs} . Jones	{ Tho ^a . D ^o .	James Peckham
{ Jn ^o . Barker	{ Joshua D ^o .	T William Weaver
T { W ^m . Peckham	James D ^o .	Jn ^o . Banister
{ James Barker	T Jos. Chh.	T W ^m . Harison
{ D ^o . D ^o .	W ^m . Stoddard	T Ed. Perry
{ Peter D ^o .	Gid. Coggeshal	T Step. Clark
{ D ^o . D ^o .	Tho ^a . Durfy	W ^m . Weedon
W ^m . Green	Lot Strange	W ^m . Bliss
Cap ^t . W ^m . Turner	Clement Weaver	T Edward Upham
T Ed. Barker	{ D ^o . D ^o .	T Benj. Peckham
Jn ^o . Clark	{ Tho ^a . D ^o .	Jos. Card
{ Jn ^o . Baily	{ D ^o . D ^o .	Steph. Peckham
{ Alice D ^o .	{ D ^o . D ^o .	Isaac Peckham
{ Jn ^o . Manchester	W ^m . Brown	{ Jon ^a . Weedon
{ Isaac D ^o .	Jn ^o . Gold	{ Phil. Peckham
30 Tenants	26 Double Fam.	Total 124 Families
(marked "T").		

A. D. 1755 there were in Middletown Total Souls 788.

Jack
Negro
Toby
Muster 4
about 8 Ind. Souls.

. . . Jn^o. Whiting¹, Esq^r., of Newport, received a Letter fr. his B^r. Col. Nathan Whiting² dated Crownpoint July 20, 1761, in which he writes:—

"We have had Nine Regiments here from Canada, who stopt a little while to work, & have all marched to N. York but Two who will soon follow."—"The Provincials here are the Two Connecticut Reg^{ts}. complete, who have been here near two Months, about 500 Massachus^{ts}. lately arrived, & about 250 New Hampshire. We are working at the Fort, the Plan of which is so large, there is no prospect of coming near completing it this year."

. . . Conversation with M^r. Josiah Smith, jun^r., of Charlest^o., S^o. Car^o. Aug^t. 30, 1761.

CONG. CHHS., S^o. CAROLINA

Charlest ^o .	{	Rev ^d . Mess. Josiah Smith, Æt. 55 ³
		James Edmonds, 40
		And ^w . Bennet, 35

Pr. William cong.	—	Simpson
Christ's Chh. 1 Cong.		Jn ^o . Martin
St. George's 1. break ^d up	(M ^r . Bennet)	

N. B. M^r. Simpson & Martin are Presbyterian Ministers settled in Cong. Chhs.

PRESBYTERIAN CHHS.

Charlest ^o .	Rev ^d . Phil. Morrison
St. Barthol.—Cath.	— Gordon
St. Paul's	— Alison
St. Andrew's	— —
St. John's 2	— Lorimer
	— McLeod
Williamsburg T ^o .	— Rea
Pr. Geo. Winyaw	2 Congregations.

BAPTISTS

Charlest ^o .	2	Rev ^d . M ^r . Hart
		— Wheeler
St. Andrew's		— Stevens
Pr. W ^m .		— Pelot

GEORGIA—CONGREGATIONAL CHHS.

Savannah	Rev ^d . Zubly
Midway	— Osgood ⁴

¹ Yale 1726.

² of New Haven, Conn. (Yale 1743).

³ Harvard Coll. 1725.

⁴ John Osgood (Harvard Coll. 1733).

Cong. Chh. in Charlest^o. has about 70 Pews. M^r. Osgood late removed with his people from Carolina.

Tot. Houses Charlest^o. about 800, judged to imply 4000 Souls. . . .

Load 250 Topsail Vessels, 300 in all in a year at Charlestown.

Exports £400,000 ster. per ann. fr. S^o. Car^o.

3000 Negroes bot. per ann. to supply Deficiency.

A. D. 1758 Gov^r. Littleton collected the Militia Rolls of the Province of S^o. Carolina, in which all the Men fr. 16 Æt. to 60, inclusive of Gov^r. & all kinds officers, when they amounted to about 6200 Whites, judged to imply 30,000 Whites in whole Province.

A. D. 1761, have 1200 Provincials, being all they can raise. . . .

Sept. 2, 1761. M^{rs}. Slade of Swanzy (at Slade's ferry) Æt. 97, is now Living & has Posterity living viz.

1. M^{rs}. Cole

2. M^{rs}. Throop, whose Son is

3. Sylvester Child, who has

Gen. 4. a D. Prudence, Æt. 13.

M^{rs}. Slade can say—Arise, Daughter, & go to thy Daughter, for thy Daughter's $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Son} \\ \text{Daugh.} \end{array} \right.$ has got a Daughter. . . .

When M^r. Park¹ A. D. 1740 took Account, he found 51 fam. Inds. in Westerly & Charlestown. And he says the Commissioners at B^o. several years before procured Acco^t. of them & found the same Number families, perhaps A. D. 1732 when M^r. Park came into Narragansett.

Sept^r. 29, 1761. Cap^t. Caleb Gardner of Newport, Æt. 79, had 8 children & 65 Grandchildren & 7 Greatgrandchildren. Of his Issue have died 22. So the Total of his Issue to the 79th. Æt. suæ was 80; about one Quarter dead . . .

ACTS OF THE ASSOCIATION OF THE COUNTY OF NEW LONDON

At a Meeting of the Elders and Messengers of the Churches of the County of New London, convened at New London March 2^d,

¹ Joseph Park (Harvard 1724), Congregational minister in Westerly.

170^o/8. In Order to the Forming themselves into One or more Consociations.

Present From the Ch^h. of New London, Eliphalet Adams, Past^r., Daniel Witherell Esq^r., William Douglass, Deacon, Messengers. Present from the Ch^h. of Stonnington Rev^d. James Noyes, Past^r., Nehemiah Palmer, Manasseh Minor, Messengers. From the Ch^h. of Norwich the Rev^d. John Woodward, Past^r., Thomas Leffingwell Messenger. From the Ch^h. of Preston the Rev^d. Salmon Treat Pastor, John Parke Mess^r. From the Ch^h. of Groton the Rev^d. Ephraim Woodbridge Past^r., Messenger ———. From the Ch^h. of Lyme, ———. From the Ch^h. of Saybrook, ———. From the Ch^h. of Killingworth, Messenger John Griswold. From the Ch^h. of Plainfield, ———. From the Ch^h. of Lebanon, Messenger Sam^l. Huntington.

After Serious Addresses to Heaven, the Rev^d. James Noyes was unanimously Chosen Moderator, and the Rev^d. Eliphalet Adams was Chosen Scribe.

It was unanimously agreed that there shall be but One Consociation in this County For the Hearing, Trying and Determining of all Cases that Regularly be brôt before them from any of the Churches of s^d. County. This not to be interpreted to be any Obstruction to any Future Division of the County into two Consociations if it be found needful.

A true Copy of Record.

Test JOHN DEVOTION Scribe.

1729. At an Association of N. London County Convened at West Saybrook Aug^t. 19, M^r. Azariah Mather, M^r. Jared Eliot, M^r. James Hilhouse, M^r. William Worthington, Scribe, M^r. George Griswold, M^r. Abraham Nott.

Then Voted and Agreed that for the Future there be but Two Stated Associations in One Year within the County Afores^d., One upon the first Tuesday of June, the other on the Last Tuesday of October.

At an Association of the Ministers of New London County convened at the Rev^d. M^r. David Jewit's in New London North Parish, June 5th, 1750. Present Rev^d. Mess^{rs}. Eliphalet Adams, Moderator, Will^m. Worthington, Dan^l. Kirtland, John Owen, Joseph Fish, George Beckwith, Scribe, Will^m. Hart, Benjⁿ. Throop, David Jewett, Asher Rossiter, Stephen Johnson.

At the same Association it was Voted and agreed, as followeth, viz.

Whereas the Number of the Ch^{ms}. in this County are much encreased, and the Distances from the Extream Parts of the County are such, as makes the Travel Difficult for all the Members to Meet together in One Place; it is therefore on Mature Consideration thought to be expedient, and unanimously agreed upon that the s^d. Association of this County be divided into Two Associations, in the Following Manner, viz.

That New London River be the Dividing Line between the Western and Eastern Associations, as far as to Norwich, and then to extend North thro s^d. Norwich, so as to Leave the four first Societies of s^d. Norwich to the Eastern, and the Fifth Society to the Western Association, and s^d. Association is hereby divided Accordingly. And as it is with mutual Unanimity and Understanding and Cordial Respect among our Selves, that we have thus Divided, so we much Desire and propose thro Grace still to Endeavour, ever to Maintain the Like good understanding and Harmony between the Two s^d. Associations, and to be mutually helpfull to Each Other, whensoever and as Often as Either Association shall have any Need of, and Desire the Advice, Help, and Assistance of the Other. Amen.

Entered per GEORGE BECKWITH, Scribe.

A True Copy of Record,

Test JOHN DEVOTION, Scribe.

Rec^d., Winter, 1762.

In Aug^t. & Sept. 1761 Assessors took the Valuation of the Estate in the several Towns of the Colony of Rhode Island by order of Assembly in June preceding. That for the Town of Newport as I received it from one of the Assessors, Sept^r. 13, 1761, was as follows, viz.

N. B. Dollars £6.

Polls rateable	1,244	Windmills	6
Polls not rateable	6	Servants for Life	
Dwellinghouses	888	fr. 14 to 45 Æt.	666
Still Houses	16	Tuns of Vessels	3.780¼
Warehouses & other Build ^{gs}	439	Trading Stock	£3,091,636.8.1
Spermaceti Works		Factorage	192,668.6.3
Superficial Feet of Wharf	177,791	Money at Interest	709,527.10.5

Horses 2 years old	68	Bushels Corn it yields	2,235
Horses 4 y. & upward	175	Bushels of Barley	970
Steers & Bulls	28	Bushels of Oats	582
Oxen	77	Acres of Orchard	10½
Heifers	55	Bb. Cyder it yields	45
Cows	353	Acres of Meadow Land	1,093½
Sheep	1,601	Tuns of hay it yields	818
Swine 6 M ^o . & upw ^d .	178	Acres of Salt Marsh	24½
Acres of Pasturage	2,326¾	Tuns Hay it produces	20
N ^o . Cows it will keep	658	Sum Total of Rents	£299,189.17
Tillage Land, N ^o . Acres	150	Plate	
Wood Land	39		

. . . From the year 1750 to 1760 or for Ten years, not so much as a house a year, Especially for 7 years, built in the Town of Newport.

. . . Nov^r. 21, 1761. W^m. Wickham, Esq^r.,¹ Att^o., of N. York told that not above 600 Writs & Causes are returned into the Supreme Court of that whole Province in a year. Of these one Seventh or perhaps 90 are disputed. The mean cost of half of w^c. may be £80. or 90. apiece—the other half £40. Some £200. There are about 25 Lawyers in the Prov., mostly in City of N. Y.

M^r. Wickham says that Major Rogers² told him when he was last year at Detroit he saw an Ind. who affirmed that a great lack in Norwestern parts of America was a Water Passage across where the Tide flowed. And that Ind. were sometimes 6 or 7 years in their Travels in the Norwestern Wilderness. . .

To the hon. Gen. Assembly &c. the Petition of Josias Lyndon, Esq^r., Ezra Stiles & William Ellery, Jun^r., humbly sheweth:

That there is a great deficiency in this Colony of Schools for Education of youth. That your Petitioners propose to open a literary institution or School for instructing young Gentlemen in the Languages, Mathematics, Geography & History, & such other branches of Knowledge as shall be desired. That for this End

¹ Yale Coll. 1753.

² Major Robert Rogers, the well known New England ranger, was for some years in command of the British post at Michilimackinac. About 1770 he made proposals to the British Government regarding a search for the Northwest Passage.

they shall at first procure two Masters or Professors, one for the Languages, & the other for Mathematics, &c. so soon as they shall have engaged 30 youth: That it will be necessary to procure a place for the erecting, & to erect a public Building or Buildings for the boarding of the youth & the Residence of the Professors. And that to this End of receiv^e & soliciting Benefactions it will be necessary that those who have the Care & Managem^t. of s^d. School become a public Company incorporated & a body known in Law, as the Company of the Redwod Library.¹ Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray this hon. Assembly to incorporate them with power to associate to them such others whom they shall procure to joyn them to the Number of Twelve, by the Name of the President & Trustees of &c. with such powers & privileges as to your honors shall seem best to your Petit. as in duty, &c. ever pray.

[Added later.] Not preferred to the Assembly.²

. . . About the year 1759 Gov. Barnard³ of Jersies proposed to alter the Constitution of Jersey College & introduce half the Gov^t. of it to the Episcopalians: When in the Remonstrance & Opposition of the Trustees Rev. Alex. Cumming asserted that all the Episcopalians did not amount to a *Fortieth* part of the White Inhabitants. N. B. The same Proportion as Roman Cath. Chhs. in England in 1640.

. . . When Dollars about 56/, or perhaps A. D. 1754, Benedict Arnold⁴ of Norwich sold 130 Acres on Beaver Tail⁵, Conanicut, for £11,000 Old Tenor or £85 per Acre. Beaver Tail from Fox Hill to Lighthouse contains 1000 or 1200 Acres.

Dec^r. 25, 1761. Last Spring the Rev^d. M^r. Eliot⁶ of Boston told me that A. D. 1752, or last small pox, 1100 persons of his Meeting

¹ Incorporated in 1747. See Stiles's *Diary*, i, 166.

² This draft of a petition connects itself with other evidence of Dr. Stiles's project for a Collegiate Institution in Rhode Island, before the charter of what became Brown University.

³ Sir Francis Bernard, afterwards Governor of Massachusetts.

⁴ Father of Gen. Benedict Arnold.

⁵ The southern extremity of Conanicut Island, west of Newport.

⁶ Andrew Eliot (Harvard Coll. 1737), pastor of the New North Church.

had small pox, & this was judged Two Thirds of his people, so that he had 15 or 1600 Souls or about 300 Families. He also said that formerly he usually baptized 70 Infants per Ann. which were the most that were born. My Congregation in Newport consists of about 105 Families, & from a cursory Recollection I think there were near 30 Infants born among them in the year 1761. There are about 1000 Fam. in Town, which at this Rate produced 300 Infants born A. D. 1761. . . .

Dec^r. 31, 1761. Six vessels fr. B^o. went to Copicut¹: Four fr. Newport, Rh. Isl., in one of w^e. 39 persons, of w^e. 3 Wives, 3 young Women & most men married. In the other 3 Vessels above 50 persons, one had but 5 persons, another perhaps 15 or 20.

Perhaps the 6 Vessels fr. Boston might contain about 200 or 180 persons.

There also went one or two vessels fr. N. London this year: I think I was told at N. Lond. that there had embarked there this year about 100 Souls for Nova Scotia. I find also Transports from about Plymouth to Liverpool in Nov'. Scotia, perhaps 180 Souls or 30 or 40 fam. This I take to comprehend all the Emigrations from N. Eng. to Nov' Scotia in the year 1761.

Fr. Boston	200
Newport	100
Plymo'	180
N. Lond.	100
	580 Souls or 100 Families
	more probably 80 Fam.

There also arrived in A. D. 1761 at Nova Scotia Settlers from North of Ireland 200 Souls. Perhaps about 40 Fam.

80

Total 120 Fam.²

The vessel fr. Newport that carried 39 Settlers besides 5 Sailors was said to be a large Transport. The Importations of Settlers

¹ Cobequid, Nova Scotia.

² During the period, 1748-1770, special efforts were made by the British authorities to settle Nova Scotia. Emigrants were sent from England, Scotland, and Ireland, and successful attempts were made to attract settlers from New England.

from England into N. Eng. fr. A. D. 1629 to A. D. 1643 came in 298 Transports w^e. might bring 40 each—11,920 Souls, increased by A. D. 1760 to 500,000 . . .

Shelter Island contains 8000 Acres: of which 2000 or one quarter owned off the Island in Southold &c.—1000 M^r. Sylvester's Estate. Sylvester Estate 3 or 400 Acres cleared, without stock, rents for 150 £. Y. M. per Annum. He left about 80 head cattle, 40 horses, 500 sheep &c. &c. his land worth £5. or £6. Y. M. per acre. Whole Farm £6000. Y. M. The Island pays small Quitrent to the Crown—a Lamb or Lambs per Ann.

Not equal to 4 Miles sq^r. 20 Houses & Fam. upon it. A. D. 1760.

40 Horses @ £8.	£320. Proc.
80 Cattle @ £5.	400.
500 Sheep @ 6/	150.
	£870.

. . . Newtonian—Edwards & Winthrop
Boerhaavian—Eliot
Addisonian—Cooper
Lockean—Mayhew
Cookean—Fitch.¹

MEMOIRS OF INDIANS &C. JULY 10, 1762.

A Genealogy of the Sachems of *Narraganset*, *Niantic*, *Coweaset*, and the parts adjacent, Canonicus being Chief Sachem when the English first came into the country. The Account I found in a loose Manuscript of the Rev^d. John Callender of Newport—in which he says: "This taken from a Paper inclosed in a Letter from E. Hutchinson to N. Coddington² Aug^t. 1703". The Account is as follows.

¹ The significance of this memorandum is obscure. Apparently, Jonathan Edwards and Professor John Winthrop (of Harvard College) are classed as followers of Sir Isaac Newton; Rev. Andrew Eliot, of the New North Church, Boston, of the Dutch physician, Herman Boerhaave; Rev. Samuel Cooper, of the Brattle Street Church, Boston, of Addison; Rev. Jonathan Mayhew, of the West Church, Boston, of John Locke; and Gov. Thomas Fitch, of Connecticut, of the Rev. Samuel Cooke, of Bridgeport.

² Nathaniel Coddington of Newport, son of Gov. William Coddington, who was born in 1653, and married Susanna, sister of Elisha Hutchinson.

"The antient Indians reported that in those Countries of *Narraganset*, *Niantic*, *Coweesit* & parts adjacent there was one great Sachem which had all the parts under him and ruling over all; his Name was TASHASICK. He had only a Son and a Daughter; and he, esteeming none of Degree for them to marry with, married them together. Of them there were two Sons and a Daughter, viz.

"CANONICUS, called the Great	{	his Son	{	MECKSA. His Wife Matautuck was Ninegrate's Sister	{	their Sons	{	SCUTTAP and QUEQUACKANUETT
was								
"CANONICUS's younger brother had these three children	{	MIANTONOMY	{	his Son	{	MIANTINUTE called also Quenónset	{	
		QUESCUCKQUENEH also called Cosequene, alias Suckqueneh, alias Canonicus the Second, alias Pesicus, alias Mossup, also Manatowecket						
		COJONAQUANE		his Son		QUANAPIN		
"Canonicus's Sister had these two Sons	{	WEBITAMECK	{	his Son	{	TOMTOCO	{	
		WARICONCHAT called also Nineglad		his Son is		NINEGRATE		
		MATAUTUCK, wife to the above MECKSA						

"*Nineglad* for Service done was made a Captain & afterwards had Land given him in the *Niantic* Country & so called Sachem.

"*Tocomona* living in the *Coweesit* Country & being young, Old Canonicus was left his Guardian.

"*Pomham*, Sachem of *Shawomett* alias *Warwick*.

"*Saconoco*, Sachem of *Patuxet*.

"*Wetowewokotausqua*, a Sachem in *Narraganset* in 1667." . . .

In the two Custom House Districts in Connect. A. D. 1762 are, for N. Lond. about 70 Vessels, N. Haven 80 Vessels.¹ Total 150 at 100 Tons each amount to 15,000 Tons, probably but 10,000 Tons; of which One Quarter in W. Ind. & foreign Trade & $\frac{3}{4}$ Coasters.

¹ New London was constituted a port in the British establishment for the collection of the plantation duty and observance of the acts of trade early in the eighteenth century, before 1711. New Haven was so named in 1756, Nicholas Lechmere being the collector until succeeded by Joseph Harrison in 1761.

The Navigation of Rh. Island about 200 Vessels; of Mass. 300 Vessels; in all N. Eng. may be 700 Vessels or 70,000 Tons. . .

July 22, 1762, M^{rs}. Turner of Newport, Midwife, shewed me her List of Women she had delivered from Jan^{ry}. 8, 1745/6, to July 22, 1762, mostly in Newport, perhaps 30 off the Island in the whole Term. I counted the List & found Deliveries, Whites, in the year

1746	95	1754	146
1747	102	1755	160
1748	116	1756	152
1749	136	1757	160
1750	136	1758	191
1751	152	1759	171
1752	133	1760	178
1753	161	1761	206
		to July 22, 1762	103
			<u>2498</u>

In this Term she delivered 284 Negroes. Died in Newport A. D. 1760 Whites 175, of which 41 were Infants under 1 Æt.

No Allowance made for Twins. It is judged that she delivers three Quarters of the Women in Town.

Sept^r. 28th., 1762. This day was raised the Spire & Vane of the Chh. Steeple in Newport. The Altitude from the Ground to the Top of the Vane 140 Feet measured: to the first Ball on the Top of the shingled part was 110 Feet. The 28th. Ins^t. I saw a young Man standing on Iron Florish & raising his head over the Vane turned the Vane round with his Hands several Times. The Mast being rotten a Storm of Wind carried it by the Board last October.

M^r. VIETS¹ ESTIMATE OF SEVERAL TOWNS IN CONNECT., JULY 17, 1761.

	Ministers	Families (A rude Guess.)
Salisbury	Lee	80
Sharon	Smith	130
Kent	Bordwell, Waddam, Osborn	200
Newfairfield	credo Taylor, Sill	60

¹ Roger Viets (Yale 1758), of Simsbury, Conn., was sojourning in Newport in 1761, shortly before he went to England for orders.

New Milford	Taylor &c. Quaker	200	
Woodbury	Graham, Bellamy, Wetmore, Benedict	460	
Litchfield	Champion, Palmer &c.	260	
Goshen	Newel	110	
Canaan	Farring, & Seperate	140	
Norfolk		39	Mr. Robins ord. Nov ^r .
Cornwall	Gould	100	1761 over 65 Fam.
Torrington	Robberts, & Young a Sep.	90	
Winchester		20	
Harwington	Bartholomew	120	
New Hartford	Marsh	105	
Hartland	Colton (not ord.), Troop, Sep. some Baptists	33	
Colebrook	settling fast	2	
Barkhemstead	400 Acres to a Right, a Doll. per Acre		
		2149	
Greenwich	Ball ¹ , or vacant	200	
Stanford	Welles, Dibble, another at Poplar Plains	350	
Ridgefield	Ingersoll (Episc. Ch. 30 sq ^r .)	220	
Danbury	White, one at Bethel &c. &c.	400	
Norwalk	Dick., Gaylord, Leaming	360	
Fairfield	Hobart, Pomroy, Lamson, Ross one at Greenfarms, Beach, one at Reading, &c.	520	
Stratford	Wetmore, Mills, Winsl., Newton, Beebe	400	
Milford	Whittlesy, Prudden	300	
Derby	Humph ^r ., Lyman, Mansfield	240	List 13,000, of W ^c . Epis. 4,300 & 1/3 people
Newtown	Judson	170	
Symsbury	Roots, Mills, Gibbs, Strong,—Sep., J. Strong, a Candidt., Bissell	451	Episc. 3,800 List 21,900
Windsor	Russell, Perry, Potwine, Gould, Marshall a Sep., Vacant, Norton	575	
Farmington	Pitkin, Booge, Chapman, Newell, Smalley, Clark, A Bapt. Priest, about 35 Families in Chapman's Limits, Part of Bissell's is in Farm.	600	

¹ Rev. Eliphalet Ball (Yale 1748) was the pastor of the Presbyterian Church in Bedford, N. Y., north of Greenwich.

FAMILIES ON CAPE COD, A. D. 1759			
Sandwich	250	Chatham	100
Falmouth	120	Eastham	450
Barnstable	360	Truro	110
Yarmo'	300	Province Town	30
Harwich	220		
			1940

Of these about 1500 Families drink Tea which may drink 1000^{lb}.
Tea per ann. viz. 1000 Dollars, or £250 ster. . . Boston 16,000^{lb}.
Tea. . . .

Jan^{ry}. 13, 1762. Old M^{rs}. Peas told me that M^r. Fayerweather¹
of N^o. Kingston had at Christmas 1761 preached but sixteen or
seventeen Times to his own people in Narragansett from his first
coming to his Mission—which I think was two years ago last Fall.
I think he came in Fall 1759. He was sick some Months of Winter
1761. He officiates but once a Day, and this sometimes in his own
House.

At a Town Meeting New Haven Dec^r. 1761 on Vote put were
on one side 92 on the other 142. Tot. 234.

GALLERY PEWS 1762 IN MY MEETINGHOUSE

No. 1. M ^r . Merriss	9. { M ^{rs} . Spinney, half
2. ——— Crandal	10. { Jn ^o . Simson
3. M ^{rs} . Hunt	{ Sam ^l . D ^o . & Sister
4. Ben Pitman, Jun ^r .	11. Tho. Brown's Wife & Son
5. { Jn ^o . D ^o . Jun ^r .	12. { Rich ^d . Simpson
{ Ben Pitman, Sen ^r .	{ ——— Rolang
6. { Gid. Davenport	13. { Phil. Morse
{ W ^o . Pitman	{ Jos. Crandal
7. { Jn ^o . Topham	14.
{ Eb. Finch	15.
8. { Ireson, half	16. Jn ^o . Wells
{ ——— ———	17. { James Pitman, Jun ^r ., half
	{ ——— ———
	18. James Pitman, Sen ^r .

¹ Rev. Samuel Fayerweather (Harvard Coll. 1743), missionary in charge
of the Episcopal Church in Narragansett, from August, 1760 (not 1759).
He was originally a Congregationalist, and had supplied the pulpit of the
Second Church in Newport shortly before Dr. Stiles became pastor.

WALL PEWS

21 Wall Pews @ £50.	£1,050.
1 D ^o . Mr. Cary's @ £40.	40.
2 D ^o . Cap ^t . Belcher & } M ^{rs} . Carr's @ £30. }	60.
24	£1,150.

BODY PEWS

24 @ £40.	960.
2 @ 30.	60.
26	1,020.

GALLERY PEWS

18 @ £17	306.
	£2,476.
Add W ^m . Vernon's	50.
	2,526.

Deduct for	
Bissels	£20.
Carters	10.
Bennets	15.
Vose	20.
Deac. Pitmans	20.
Lindseys	20.
	105.
4 Gall. Pews	68.
	173.

Net Proceeds of Pew Rents £2,353.

My Salary £65. ster.

Exch ^a . for year 1761, 30 for 1	£1,950.
Sexton	60.
Wood, about	400.

	£2,410.
Pew Rents	2,353.
Deficiency	57.

FAMILIES ATTEND^d. CHH.¹ IN BRISTOL, JAN^{ry}. 5, 1762

Jn ^o . Usher	10 Souls	Sheriff Bosworth	2
Jn ^o . West	10	James D ^o .	8
W ^m . Cox	6	Jn ^o . Hubbard	2
Jer. Munro	8	W ^m . Gallop	4

¹ The Episcopal Church.

Ed. Payn	3	D ^o . Munro	9
Ch. Munro	10	Geo. Cogshall	5
Joshua Ingram	6	Bennet Munro	11
D ^o . D ^o ., Jun ^r .	5		
Jos. Harding	7	9	45
W ^m . Pearce	4	Fam. whose Wives Presby. &c.	
Jn ^o . Walker	5	Sion Martindel	2
Ben Ball	7	Tho ^a . Green	3
Wid. Linsy	2	W ^o . Woodbury	1
W ^m . Hoar	8	D ^o . Popilion	1
Wid. Holdredge	2	W ^m . Martin	2
Barnard Salisbury	4	W ^o . Haskel	2
Jon ^a . Mundy	2	D ^o . Roffey	1
Allen Usher	5	D ^o . Brag	1
Tho ^a . Linkhorn	6	Hez. Usher W. Ep.	2
Hale Turner	4	W ^m . West	7
W ^o . M ^c Carty	4	W ^m . White	2
James Gibbs	5	Geo. Oxx	1
Rich ^d . Pearce	3	M ^{rs} . V. Dorin	4
W ^o . Bosworth	2		
28	144	13	29
		9	45
		28	144
Rev ^d . M ^r . Usher	3	50 Fam.	218 Souls
Nathan Munro	4	Deduct for West's Child. &c. 12	
Sam Pierce	3		206 Souls
W ^o . D ^o .	2		
D ^o . Joy	2		
Nat. Pierce	6	40 Whole Fam. Episc.—10 mixt	

FAMILIES IN BRISTOL JAN^{ry}. 1, 1762. DIED 23, A. D. 1761Taken at Bristol, Jan^{ry}. 5, 1762

	Infants	Child.
	of the year 1761	
Wid ^o . Joles		4
{ Deacon Troop		0
{ Jn ^o . Troop		1
Jer. Finney		2
Josh ^a . Sanford		5
Jon ^a . Peck		2
Jn ^o . Peckham		6
Dan ^l . Bradford		4
Widow Bradford		0
Jos. Read	1	8
Rogers Richmond		3
Sam ^l . Church	1	4

	{ Lev ^t . Hubbard, a housekeeper		1
	{ Rich ^d . West	1	5
	Lenox Bullock	1	3
	Ben Wyat		1
E	{ Jn ^o . Usher	1	8
	{ W ^m . Gladden		4
	{ Sol ^o . D ^o .		3
	{ Widow D ^o .	7	0
E	{ Sion Martindel, Husb. Chh., Wife Meet ^s .	1	
	{ W ^m . Lawless	1	0
	{ Wid. Eastlie		5
	W ^m . Holmes		4
	James Dimon		2
B	{ Jn ^o . West		8
	{ Wid. Smith		2
	{ Tho. Finney	1	0
E O	{ Tho. Green, Husb. Chh., W. Meet ^s .		2
	{ Wid. Coy & Swan		8
	Ben Smith		5 Sons
	{ Elisha May		2
	{ Jn ^o . May, Sing.		5
	{ Jn ^o . Howland, Deac ^a .		0
	{ Jn ^o . D ^o ., Jun ^r .	1	2
	Jer. Wilson	Wife E o	7
	Dr. Ichab ^d . Richmond	1	1
	Judge Russel		2
	{ Jos. Maxwel, Sing.		1
	{ Sam ^l . Gladden	1	5
	{ M ^{rs} . Tayler		5
	{ Wid. Payn		1
	{ Step. Payn	1	3
	{ Cap ^t . Woodberry, Single		0
	{ Wid. Lamb		0
E	{ Wid. Woodbury, her only Child Meet ^s .		1
	{ Josiah Finney		2
E	{ W ^m . Cox		4
	{ Hen. Bragg, Single		1
E	{ Jer. Monro	1	6
	{ Ben. Rosthboan		0
E	{ Sheriff Bosworth		0
	{ Dan ^l . Waldron		5
	{ Simon Davis, Esq ^r ., Sing.		4
	{ Wid. Wardel		1
	{ Dan ^l . Lefavor		0
	{ Jos. Waldron		5
E	{ Wid. Popilion		1
E	{ W ^m . Martin, Sing.		1
	{ Wid. Bosworth		4

	{	Step. Wardel		5
	{	Wid. Wardel		0
	{	D ^o . D ^o .		2
		W ^m . Linsey		8
E	{	James Bosworth		6
E	{	Jn ^o . Hubbard		0
E	{	Wid. Haskil		1
E	{	W ^m . Gallop		2
E	{	Ed. Payn, Sing.		2
	{	Jer. Bosworth		0
O	{	W ^m . Sherman		1
O	{	Wid. Gan Dedt		1
O	{	Wid. Tucker		2
	{	Ed. Talby		4
E	{	Cha. Monro		8
	{	Wid. Eunice		0
	{	D ^o . Clark		4
	{	D ^o . Norton		1
	{	D ^o . Richmond		1
E	{	Josh ^a . Ingram		4
E	{	Josh. D ^o . Jun ^r .		3
	{	Wid. Green		0
	{	D ^o . Budge		0
	{	And ^w . Patteson	1	1 Wife Ch.
E	{	Wid. Roffey		0
	{	W ^o . Newton		1
	{	Sol ^o . Roffey		3
	{	W ^m . Laurence		0
E	{	Wid. Brag		0
E O	{	Jos. Harding		5
	{	Amos Weeden	1	1
Q	{	Isaac Antony	1	3
E	{	W ^m . Pierce		2

On the West Side

O	{	Tho ^a . Slocum, Wife P.		2
E O	{	Jn ^o . Walker		3
	{	Jn ^o . Hogins		1
E	{	Ben Ball		5
O	{	Mark Ant ^o . DeWolf	1	9 W. & Ch. P.
	{	James Allen		5
O	{	Caleb Cory W. P.		4
O	{	Sam. West. W. & Ch. P.		4
	{	Nath ^l . Dimon		1
E	{	Wid. Linsy		1
E	{	W ^m . Hoar		6
	{	Jn ^o . Ingram		5
	{	W ^o . Thurrel		2

	Wid. Sanford		1
	Jos. Edy		4
	{ Jn ^o . Holdredge		1
E	{ W ^o . D ^o .		1
	{ W ^o . Manchester		1
	{ W ^o . Smith		1
	{ Sam ^l . Smith		0
	{ Rich ^d . D ^o .		3
	{ Jn ^o . Gladden		0
	{ Jn ^o . Waldron, W. E.		1
	{ W ^o . Gorham		3
E	{ Barnard Salisbury		2
	{ W ^o . Thurrel		2
	Jn ^o . Phillips		3
	Cornelius Waldron		2
	{ Isaac Young	1	2
	{ W ^o . Smith		0
	{ Josh. Baily		0
	{ Belcher W. E.	1	1
	W ^o Martin		4
	Cap ^t . Sim Potter		0
	{ Jon ^a . Drown	1	6
	{ W ^o . Liscomb		0
	{ Jon ^a . Fales		2
	{ Sam ^l . Whitecur		3
E	{ Jon ^a . Mundy, Pillars good		0
	{ Sam ^l . Oxx. Proselite fr. E		3
	Hopestil Potter, Child & Gr. d ^o .		5
	Jn ^o . Pratt		4
	Isaac Wardel	1	3
	Jn ^o . Waldron		1
	{ Jer Ingram (Potter)		4
E	{ Allen Usher	1	3
E	Hez. Usher		0
	Dr. Bradford		4
	{ Aaron Bourn		2
	{ David Wilson		2
	{ Wid Fairbanks		1
	Jn ^o . Wardwell		10
	{ Billings Troop	1	2
	{ W ^o . Coggeshal		3
E	{ Tho. Linkhorn		4
	Mr. Burt	1	0
	{ Cha. Chh.	1	3
	{ Nat. Waldron		4
E	Hale Turner		2
	Ben Salisbury		3
	Jn ^o . Gladden		6

E	{ W ^m . West. W. & C. P. Twins	6
E	{ W ^o . McCarty	3
E	{ James Gibbs	3
	{ Jer. Dimon, Deacon	5
E	{ Jn ^o . Oxx, W. P.	0
	{ Jn ^o . Norris	1 3
	{ Tho ^a . Chh.	3
E	{ Rich ^d . Pierce	1
	{ Ant ^o Van Dorin, W. E.	3
E	{ W ^o . Bosworth	1
E	{ Rev ^d . M ^r . Usher	1
	{ Jn ^o . Glover	2
O	{ W ^m . White, W. P.	1
E	{ Nathan Munro	2
	{ W ^m . Tomlin (Pott.)	1 1
	{ Simeon Monro (Pott.) Sing.	5
	{ W ^o . Gladden	1
	{ Serj ^a . Bourn, Esq ^r .	4
	{ Jos. Raynolds	8
	{ Ben Raynolds	1
	{ Grindal D ^o .	2
	{ W ^m . Bosworth	7
	{ W ^m . Martindel	1 5
	{ Hen. Bosw.	6
	{ M ^r . Cary	1
	{ W ^o . Cary	0
E	{ Sam ^l . Pierce, Sing.	2
E	{ W ^o . D ^o .	1
E	{ D ^o . Joy	1
	{ Tho ^a . Troop, Clerk	11
	{ Th ^o . Kinnicut	0
B	{ Jn ^o . Coomer	2
B	{ Nath Munro	2
B	{ Jn ^o . Chase	2
B	{ Isaac D ^o .	8
	{ Nat Phales	12
E	{ D ^o . Pierce	4
E	{ D ^o . Munro	7
B	{ Newby. Coggesh.	3
	{ W ^m . Munro	1 6
E	{ Geo. Coggeshal	3
	{ W ^m . D ^o ., Bachelor & 2 Sist.	2
	{ Step. Munro	0
	{ Dan ^l . Maxfield	4
E	{ Bennet Munro	9
B	{ Tho ^a . Champlin	1 1
	{ Bellamy Bosworth, Sing.	2

Thirty children born in Bristol on Whites in the year 1761, of which 3 died in the same year. According to Acco^t. kept by M^r. Burt the Total of Deaths was 17 Whites & 6 Blacks.

M^r. Burt took acco^t. & scarcely made Males 20 Æt. & upwards

Attend ^g . chh.....	40.	But
Att ^g . Meet ^g .	110	
	<u>150</u>	Whites

And he judges about 1,100 Souls Whites.

MARRIAGES IN 1761

By M ^r . Burt	10
By M ^r . Usher	1
Tot. Fam.	189
Widows with no children	13 mostly living with Relatives
	<u>202</u>

Of the 189 fam. there are 42 heads of Fam. single, i. e., Widowers & Widows.

189
<u>42</u>
147 Fam. w th . Husb. & W. living
<u>2</u>
Husb. & W. 294 Living

PROSELITES, A. D. 1761

Cap ^t . Potter & Sister	2
Jer. Ingram } married Monro's D.	6
W ^m . Tomlin }	3
Simeon Monro	6
W ^o . Gorham	3
W ^o . Martin	5
M ^{rs} . Wolf (Pott. Sist.)	10
Miss Rachel Walker,	
Courtied by Simeon Monroe	1
M ^{rs} . Walker, intends to come	1
	<u>37</u>

In the 189 Fam. are Husb. & Wives now living together	294
Deduct for Cap ^t . Woodb ^y . & M ^r . Hubb ^d .	2
Tot. Husb. & Wives liv ^g .	<u>292</u>
Widows without Fam.	13
Single Heads of Fam., Men & W.	<u>42</u>
Tot. Adults married	347
Tot. unmarried Offspring	<u>558</u>
Tot. Whites in Bristol	905

Some few Widows & Prentices are omitted—but no Families. I can't think for them to be allowed more than 50

		955
Episcopalians	206	
Baptists	40	
Friends	5	
Nothings	8	
Presbyterians	696	
		955

. . DEACON MARVIN'S PUBLISHMENT, PERHAPS A. D. 1747.

God who Created, Redeemed and preserved us, Reynold Marvin¹ of Lyme, and Mary Kellogg of Colchester, Widow, hath knit our Souls together in y^e Bonds of Divine Love Called Charity, hath also Disposed our Understandings, Bowed our wills and Inclined our Effections towards each other, for the purpose of a Temporal Marriage whereupon our Souls have blessed the Lord and desire all the Saints to Joyn with us therein and all you Saints of the Most high to whom this may come pray for us y^t. we may abound in y^e Injoyment of Strong Consolation and y^e Transforming Effects of his Divine Nature of which we are made Partakers according to those Great and precious promises of y^e Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ 2 Peter 1.4; that we may walk in all the Commandments and Ordinances of y^e Lord Blameless and y^t. it may please God to bless us in all our Temporal Injoyments and Employments: all which we desire to ask in a Deep Submission to y^e Divine will wherein after a Short pilgrimage we shall be Swallow^d. up world without end. Amen.

Dec^r. about 25, 1761, arrived at B^o. Two of Seven Transports Topsail Vessels w^c. sailed from Halifax in Comp^a. with the Massach. Provincials return^e home, except 300 to remain there the Winter. A like Detachm^t. of 300 of Massac. Provin. Troops retained at Crownpoint this Winter.

N. B. I suppose these seven Transports might carry 100 Men each: so these wth. 300 left behind make 1000 Mass. Provincials A. D. 1761 stationed in Nova Scotia. . .

¹ Born 1699; married Mary Kellogg, 1746; died 1761.

1762. OWNERS OF VESSELS IN NEWPORT

		Ships	Brigs	Schooners	Sloops	Snows
280	Mr. Hen. Collins		2		1	
130	Mr. Lopez		1			
060	Col. Wanton	1	3	1	2	1
135	Mr. Tucker		1			
425	Mr. Hart	1	2			
235	Mr. Ellery		2			
140	Mr. Lake		1		1	
240	Jn ^o . Collins				4	
85	Jos. Hammand				1	
610	Tho ^s . Hazard		1		1	
75	Tho ^s . Richardson & Lyon				1	
75	Do. & Bennet & Jos. Tilling.				1	
140	Cap ^t . Philips, B ^o .					1
75	Jn ^o . Treby		1			
70	Mr. Fowler				1	
440	Mr. Gibbs			2	2	
130	Cap ^t . Amy				2	
75	Sarsedas				1	
140	—— Crook		1			
140	Mr. Bowler		2		2	
140	Sol ^o . Townsend 1 Bark			1		
440	Maudsley		1		2	
140	Cap ^t . Jepson				2	
115	Jacob Isaacs		1			
140	Elizur				2	
440	Peleg Thurston		3	1		
740	Col. Malbone	1	2		3	
375	Rich ^{ds} . & Codd ^g .		3		1	
70	Sam Jnson				1	
75	Cap ^t . Chh.				1	
54	Cap ^t . Adams				1	
140	Leighton				2	
130	Cap ^t . Cuzzens				1	
65	Cuzzens				1	
140	Mat Cuzzens		1			
45	Hart's Wharf				1	
75	Saunders & Tanner				1	
40	Rider & Over ^g				1	
70	Gibbs				1	
45	Homes Wharf				1	
80	Ayrault		1			
85	Jenkins, Rob				1	
	Trevit				1	
45	King & Hagar				1	
120	Levarez &c.				2	

80	Meyers				1
70	Southwick			2	
50	Nicols			1	
120	Tanner & Saund ^m .		1		
75	Cap ^t . Stelle			1	
60	Rogers			1	
8,279		4	30	7	50
					3

4 Ships	780 Tons
30 Brigs @ 110	3,500
50 Sloops @ 60	3,000
7 Scooners @ 45	300
3 Snows @ 120	360
94	7,940

ADDITIONS

		Tons		
Sarsadas & Lev.	1 Sch.	60	Evan Malbone	
	1 Sl.	45	Snell	1 Sl. 70
Isaacs	1 Sl.	60	Tillinghast	1 Sl. 75
Isac. Polock	1 Sl.	60	D ^o .	1 d ^o . 60
Twedy	2 D ^o .	150	Sol ^o . Towns ^d .	1 D ^o . 65
Cap ^t . Chaloner	1 Br.	100	D ^o . Tilling.	1 d ^o . 65
Silas Cook	1 Sl.	75	Jos. Tillingh. & Son	1 d ^o . 85
Sloop down T ^o .		50	Peckom	1 Sl. 50
W ^m . Vernon			Josias Lyndon	1 Sl. 70
Cap ^t . Arnold			Peas & Ayrault	1 Brig 130
Ch. Handy	1 Sch.	50		1 Sl. 50
Wall	1 Sl.	45	Peleg Thurst.	1 Br. 130

Conversation with Cap^t. Jn^o. Nichols Jan^{ry}. 6, 1762.

Jan^{ry}. 24, 1762. Conversat. with Cap^t. Tucker of Newport who was at New Orleans on the Mississippi in July last.

He told me that he there saw an Indian (Brother to the Sachem of the Ind. near Quebec) who spake French and English, & wrote Latin, who commanded the Indians in 1755 ag^t. Gen. Braddock at Fort du Quesne. He said the French Army consisted then of 300 French & 600 Ind., 900 in all, who in the Action lost 27 killed & 7 or 8 wounded. Of the 600 Ind. one half only had Fire Arms, the rest Bows & Arrows. The Plunder being chiefly the Ind. the Commander's accord^d. to Ind. Custom had it as his property, for which the French gave him the Promise of a Sum of 33,000 Livres. The Gov. or Command^t. of the Fort & Town among the Heelenwaurs

or Illionois or Elinwats gave this Ind an Order on the Gov. of New Orleans for s^d. Sum of 33,000 Livres, the Payment of which in 1760 & 1761 the Gov. of Orleans delayed & continued to put off. The Ind. Warrior incensed tried to prevail on Cap^t. Tucker to bring him off & carry him to Gen. Johnson to joyn the English. But Cap^t. Tucker declining this, the Ind. went off 40 or 50 Miles above Orleans, & assembling a Body of Indians had commenced a War with the French on the Mississippi. He was a good Draftsman, & drew the Forts on Mississippi, & said he was perfectly acquainted with all the back settlements on the Lakes, and that he had been at Harvard College in New England.

Jan^{ry}. 27, 1762. Number of Inhab. in compact part of the Town of New Haven taken by Assist. of D^r. Leverett Hubbard.¹

Male Child. above Æt. 5	Meet- ings		Sons unmarried	Child. unmarried	Negroes
A					
	B	Sam ^l . Bishop, Jun ^r .		1	
	W	Sam ^l . D ^o .		3	
1	W	Mich ^l . Todd	1	1	1
	W	Mr. Noyes	1	1	
1	B	Dr. Mix, Wid.	1	4	1
1	B	Capt. Barnes	1	4	
1	B	—— Bates	1	4	
	W	Abel Pamale		1	
1	B	{ Jam. Blacksley	1	3	1
		{ ——— D ^o .	2	3	
B					
3	B	Mr. Jones	3	4	
	W	Mr ^s . Diodate		1	
5	B	Eb. Townsend	5	7	
	W	{ Wid. Talmage		1	
		{ Jos. Talmage	1	3	
2	W	Zuriel Kimberly, Husb. B.	2	5	
2	E	Tim ^o . Bonticou	2	3	
3	W	Jn ^o . Beecher	6	10	
	B	Medad Lyman		3	

¹ In the following list, A is the northeast of the nine original squares, bounded by the present Elm, Church, Grove, and State streets; B is the next square South, and so on in order round the central Green. Under Meetings, B indicates Mr. Bird's, or the White Haven Society; W, Mr. Whittelsey's, or the First Church; E, the Episcopal Church.

1	B	Tim ^o . Alling	1	3	
2	W	Israel Bunnell	4	4	
	B	Jos. Burroughs		0	
		Rev. M ^r . Bird		1	
	W	Col. Whiting	1	1	1
3	W	M ^r . Darling	4	8	2
		C			
1	B	Theoph. Munson	1	5	1
1	E	—— Woodhouse	1	1	
	B	Joel Potter	1	3	
1	W	Wid. Stacy	1	1	
1	B	{ W ^o . Cook	1	2	
		{ Cha ^s . Cook	1	2	
	W	M ^r . Fitch		1	
1	W	W ^m . Lyon	1	4	
1	W	—— Cornish	1	1	
	W	Jn ^o . Lewis		0	
1	W	James Atwater	1	3	
4	E	Jn ^o . Miles	6	6	
	W	{ Step. Howell		0	
	W	{ —— Gimbless		0	
	W	—— Wood	1	1	
1	B	Sam ^l . Chatterton	2	6	
3	W	D ^r . Hubbard	4	6	
	B	Hannah Chidsey & Sister Wids.		0	
1	W	Step. Peck Wid.	4	5	
2	B	Eb. Lines	2	3	
	B	Sylvanus Bishop		0	
1	B	Deacon Austin	2	6	
1	W	Cap. White	1	1	
	W	W ^o . Basset		4	
		D			
	B	Sam ^l . Austin	1	1	1
1	W	Jn ^o . Wise	1	3	
1	B	Sam ^l . Cooke	1	4	
	B	W ^o . Thompson		0	
1	B	—— Umphreville	1	3	
	B	—— Hatch	1	2	
1	W	M ^r . Ingersoll	1	1	2
2	E	M ^r . Kilby	2	3	1
1	W	Dan ^l . Hubbard	1	1	1
3	B	Nathan Beers	3	5	2
	B	Jer. Atwater	1	1	
	B	W ^o . Alcock	1	4	
	B	M ^{rs} . Stevens Wid.	1	2	1
	E	—— Green, Printer		0	

6	Mass	Jn ^o , a Frenchman	6	11	
1	B	David Gilbert, Jun ^r .	2	5	1
	B	David D ^o .		0	1
	B	Joel D ^o .	2	3	
4	B	Ab ^m . Thompson	4	5	
	B	D ^o . D ^o , Jun ^r .	1	2	
	W	—— Marshal		0	
1	E	W ^o . Russel	1	1	
E					
		President Clap		1	1
1	W	W ^o . Atwater	1	2	
	B	{ Jos. Peck	2	2	
	B	{ W ^o . Ingraham		0	
1	W	—— Levake	1	1	
2	W	Nat. Beecher	2	5	
	W	M ^r . Hilhouse		0	1
	B	Noah Potter	1	3	
2	W	M ^r . Day	3	6	1
	B	Mary Atwater, Sing.		0	
1	B	David Punderson	1	5	
1	E	Isaac Doolittle	2	6	
	W	W ^o . Caner		0	1
2	B	M ^r . Sherman	3	5	
F					
	W	Step. Ball		1	
	B	W ^o . Peck		0	
2	W	Caleb Hotchkiss, Jun ^r .	2	5	
	B	Jos. Wise	3	6	
	W	W ^o . Morriss	1	3	
2	Mass	Ch ^a . Purgee, Fr.	3	7	
	W	Sarah Harris, Wid.		1	
1	B	W ^o . Hotchkiss	2	3	
1	B	Sam ^l . Allyn	2	8	
	B	Jn ^o . Hotchkiss	1	4	
	B	M ^r . Greeno'		2	5
G					
2	W	Jer. Macumber	2	5	
	W	W ^o . Jethro. Negro		2	(3)
2	Mass	A Fr. Fam.	2	5	
1	Mass	W ^o . Boquet Fr.	1	2	
	W B	Jos. Munson		3	
3	B	Jon ^a . Mix	6	7	
1	W	Neh. Hotchkiss	1	4	
	W	Caleb D ^o . Wid.		0	
1	W	M ^{rs} . Darling Wid.	1	2	2

H					
4	B	M ^r . Townsend	5	6	1
	B	Isaac D ^o .		0	
2	W	Jos. Miles	2	5	
	Rev.	M ^r . Punderson		2	4
1	W	Deacon Mansfield	1	2	1
2	E W	Wid ^o . Mansfield	2	2	
1	W	Ab ^m . Cooper	1	5	
	B	Jn ^o . Mix		1	
N ^o . Quarter					
	W	Steph. Munson		0	3
1	B	Sam ^l . D ^o .	1	5	
	B	W ^o . Dummer	2	2	
	B	Jos. Bishop		1	
1	B	Cap ^t . Talmage	1	2	
1	W	Tim ^o . D ^o .	2	4	
2	W	Nathan Mansfield	2	6	
	W	Jabez Mix		1	
1	W	Gad, Negro	2	6	
3	W	Josh ^a . Hotchkiss	3	4	
	W	W ^o . White	1	1	
2	B	Jn ^o . Gorham	4	5	
	W	Hez. Tuttle	2	2	
1	W	Steph. Dickerman	2	3	
2	B	Jabez Munson	3	5	
West Quarter					
1	W	Isaac Atwater	1	5	
	W	Hez. Allen	2	3	
	B	Arch. McNeil	1	2	
2	B	W ^o . McNeil	2	2	
	B	Jed. Hotchkiss	1	2	
5	W	W ^o . Mix	5	5	
	W	Caleb Mix, Wid.		2	1
1	W	W ^o . Tuttle	1	3	
	W	Dan ^l . D ^o .		2	
1	W	Cap ^t . Hitchcock	1	6	
	W	Steph. Munson		2	
	E	{ Ben D ^o .		2	
	W	{ D ^r . D ^o .		1	1
		M ^r . Dagget	1	4	1
	B	James Gilbert		2	1
	B	W ^o . Thomas		2	
1	W	Jos. Hitchcock	1	3	
	B	W ^o . Holt		0	
1	W	Jed. Andruss	2	5	

1	B	W ^o . Cabalee	1	4	
1	W	Hack. Thomas	1	3	
2	B	James Lines	4	6	
	W	Caleb Thomas, Wid.		0	
	B	James Thomas	1	3	
1	W	Abner Bradley	1	3	
	B	{ Caleb Bradley		1	
	B	{ ——— D ^o .	1	2	
	W	——— Crawford		0	
South Quarter					
	E	McNamara		1	
	B	Jon ^a . Osborn		3	
	B	Jos. Smith	1	3	
	B	W ^o . Ingraham		1	
	E	Tho ^a . Bills	1	6	
	E	Jn ^o . Thompson, Sen ^r ., Wid.		0	
3	B	{ Jn ^o . D ^o ., Jun ^r .	3	7	
1	B	{ Theo. Morrison	1	2	
1	B	Jos. Thompson	2	6	
	B	Ed. Molloy		1	1
	W	Josiah Thompson		0	
	E	Tim ^o . D ^o .	1	1	
2	B	Tim Gorham	3	5	
	W	——— Yeomans		0	
1	B	——— Blacksly	3	4	
1	W	Tim ^o . Howel	4	4	
	W	Ambrose Ward		7	
2	B	Step. Trowbridge	3	4	
1	B	James Bradly	2	5	
1	W	Buckminster Brintnall	2	3	
2	W	W ^o . Trowbridge	2	2	
2	W	Cap ^t . Trowbridge	2	5	4
	W	James Royse		0	1
1	W	W ^o . Miles	1	1	
	E	Enos Alling		0	
2	B	Deacon Lyman	3	5	
1	E	Cap ^t . Allen, Wife & Fam. W	1	2	1
	B	Mr. Prout		1	
	E	{ Jed. Cook		1	
		{ Phin. Cook		2	
2	Rev ^d .	Mr. Whittelsey	2	5	
2	W	Mr. Whiting	3	4	2
	E	Cap ^t . Camp	1	3	
	W	Sam ^l . Toles		0	
1	W	Mr. Chandler	2	6	2
2	W	Tho ^a . Howel	4	6	

Eastern Quarter

	W	Eli Todd		0	
	W	Capt. Peck		0	
I	E	W ^o . Cable	I	I	
I	Mass	Jn ^o . Fr.	I	I	
I	W	Jn ^o . Sacket	I	5	
I	W	Jon ^a . Atwater	2	4	
I	W	{ W ^o . Hall	I	8	
I	W	{ Elish Whittelsey	I	4	I
I	W	• Jos. Miles	I	4	
I	E	—— Trickey	2	3	
I	W	Jn ^o . Allen	I	4	
	W	—— Johnno, Spaniard		0	
	B	Cha. Sabin		I	
I	E	Step. Bradly	I	4	
I	E	Capt. Mansfield	2	3	I
I	B	Caleb Dorchester	I	6	
		Parson D ^o .		4	
	B	Burret Taylor		2	
I	E	Tho ^a . Dodd	2	5	I
	B	Nathan Dummer	I	3	
I	B	James Tuttle	I	3	
	W	Hez Gorham		3	
I	W. O	Jacob Pinto	3	3	
	B. W	Jos. Hitchcock		I	
	B	Step. Austin		4	
2	B	Capt. Wilmot	2	5	
	E	Danielson		I	
I	W	W ^o . Rowe	I	3	
	B	—— Staymaker		I	
I	B	Phil. Wrexford	I	I	
I	E	Jn ^o . Leak	I	2	
	E	Step. Honeywel	I	4	
	W	Sam ^l . Lewis		2	
	E	—— Sanford		2	
	W	Jer. Townsend	I	I	
2	B	Hez. Sabin	2	5	2
Horsefish Row & New Town					
2	E	Mr. Leechmore	3	4	2
2	B	Sheriff Mansfield	2	5	2
3	W	Mr. Shearman	3	6	6
	B	Capt. Chatfield	I	2	
3	B	Mr. Storer	3	7	
	B	Jn ^o . D ^o .		0	
	B	——		I	
I	B	W ^o . Brown	I	3	

	B	Ab ^m . Tuttle		2	
1	W	Jehiel Osborn	1	5	
	E	Cap ^t . Ray	1	2	
1	W	Nelly Brown	1	1	
	W	D ^o . D ^o ., Jun ^r .	2	3	
1	W	Ben. English	1	4	
	W	Leonard Lewis	1	3	
1	E	Cap ^t . Punchard	1	2	
1	B	Col. Wooster	1	2	
	B	James Hitchcock	2	3	
	W	Ben. Allen	1	2	
	B	Tho ^s . D ^o .	1	1	
	E	{ Cap ^t . Venters	1	1	
	W	{ _____		0	
	W	{ _____	2	3	
1	B	{ _____	1	1	
1	B	Step. Brown	1	6	
	E	_____ Noble	1	2	
	B	D ^r . Rhodes	1	3	1
	W	Cha. Prindle E		0	
	B	Yale Bishop	1	3	
3	E	Tim ^o . Bonticou, Jun ^r . Wid.	3	5	
	W	W ^o . Gray		4	
1	W	W ^o . Potter	1	2	
6	B	W ^m . Plymate		1	
	W	Madam Noyes		0	3
	W	W ^o . Griffin		0	
14	W	Jn ^o . Fr. a Fam.		0	
	W	W ^o . Pat Allen		0	
	W	W ^o . English		0	
	W	W ^o . Perkins		0	
	W	W ^o . Dickerman		0	
	W	W ^o . Peck		0	
	B	W ^o . Hatch		0	
	E	W ^o . Smith		0	
	E	M ^r . Harrison			

About or above 200 Students in Yale College—Above 60 Freshmen entered Sept. 1761.

FOREIGN TRADE

13 vessels belonging to the Port of N. H. lost in year 1761. 10 circa left.

41 Boys Æt. 16 to be taken into Amity¹ upper Trainband in the Spring 1762.

Hire of a maid in New Haven 8/ Proc.² per week.—7/ Lowest.

Within the compact part of the Town of New Haven, Jan^{ry}. 27. 1762.

Families, Whites	260
Dwelling Houses	247
Males, Whites	541
Fem. D ^o .	701
	<u>1,242</u>
Allow. for Omiss.	58
Tot. Inhab. Whites	1,300
Scholars of College	200
	<u>Tot Whites 1,500</u>
Negroes	83

CHILDREN

318 White Boys	2 Negro Boys
437 d ^o . Girls	6 d ^o . Girls
Tot. of Whites:	
Married Men & Widowers	223
Boys & young men not married	318
Married Women & Widows	260
Girls & maidens	441
	<u>1,242</u>

EPISC^o. FAMILIES WITHIN COMPACT PART OF N. HAVEN ..

	Souls		
Tim ^o . Bonticou	5	Isaac Doolittle & Child ^r	7
—— Woodhouse	3	W ^o . Mansfield	3
Jn ^o . Miles	8	Rev ^d . Punderson	4
M ^r . Kelby	5	½ Ben Munson alone	1
½ Mrs. Green	1	—— M ^c Namara	3
W ^o . Russel	2	½ Jn ^o . Thompson alone	1
		Tim ^o . D ^o .	3

¹ Now Woodbridge.

² In 1704 a Royal Proclamation fixed the values of the several foreign coins in use in the American Colonies according to their intrinsic worth; and thereafter prices were so stated in "Proclamation money" ("Proc.") or "Lawful Money" ("L. M.").

½ W ^o . Smith no fam.	1	—— Danielson	3
½ Enos Allen	1	Jn ^o . Leak	4
½ Capt. Allen alone	1	Step. Honeywell	6
Jed. Cook	3	—— Sanford	4
Phin. D ^o .	4	M ^r . Leechmore & Harris	7
Capt. Camp	5	Capt. Ray	4
W ^o . Cable	2	Capt. Punchard	4
—— Tricky	5	Capt. Venters	3
Step. Bradley & W ^o . Smith	6	—— Noble	4
Capt. Mansfield	5	Tim ^o . Bonticou, Jun.	6
Tho ^o . Dodd	7		
Tho ^o . Bills	8		139

Fam. of which more than one person attend Chh. 29
 Fam. where 1 only attend 5

Of the Remains of the French Neutrals from Chignecto, 5 fam. celebrate Mass or Service accord^d. to the Roman Ritual. These consist of 35 Souls. The few others joyn the Protestants.

SECTS &c.

Rev ^d . M ^r . Whittelsey's Meeting	112 Fam.
Rev. M ^r . Bird's D ^o .	108
Episc ^o ., Rev. M ^r . Punderson's	34
Papists	5
	259

President Clap's & Professor Dagget's Fam. attend in College Hall.

N. B. The Farms are not included, which may add 30 Fam. apiece to M^r. Whitt. & M^r. Bird.

. . Feb. 3, 1762. A Voluntown Man tells me that Land has fallen there on account of Rights in the new Towns in Lydius's Patent & Hampshire.¹ That a few years ago good wild Land was £30. & £25. Old Tenor an Acre: now sold for £19. the best, & good for £15. Many are selling their Land in order to remove. . .

M^r. Jared Spencer, Feb. 5, 1762, told me that 2 or 3 years ago good wild Lands in East Haddam were £4. Proc. an Acre, now not

¹ In Vermont and New Hampshire. See Stiles's *Diary*, i, 315.

above £3. And in general that Land had fallen one Quarter in Value in the year 1761 on Acco^t. of the Laying out & purchasing in the N. Hamp. new Townships.

. . . May 18, 1762. A few days ago & since 14th. Inst. sailed one Sloop from Newport with about 25 Passengers for Nova Scotia Settlers about Minas—mostly those who wept down thither & took up Lands Last year; I think there but 4 or 5 Families—& some Men whose Families wintered at Minas. I am told there sails from Rhode Island two Transports more this Spring; and I think one from Boston, & one from N. London in Connecticut. These 5 may carry 100 Souls Settlers or about 20 Families this year from New England.

July 22, 1762. Samuel Weedon of Newport Æt. about 60, Sexton from A. D. 1735 to this Time, partly in my Meeting, partly &c., has according to an Account kept by him nominatim buried Three Thousand and Thirty persons in the Town of Newport while he has been Sexton. I judge there may have died 4000 in this Town.

. . . March 4, 1762. This Day I first conceived the Thoughts of writing the History of the World, which has never been well written according to the Genius and dignity of History.

True & faithful Narratives are as necessary to History, as good Books to a Library. A Roomfull of Books thrown together in a confused huge Heap is no Library. The same of History, especially of the World. Not to observe that most Narratives of detached Events or Periods are universally intermixt with foreign heterogeneous or displaced matters. Worlds thrown into undistinguished Heaps make Chaos indeed—but disposed into Systems and Order form the Universe. So 10 Million of Men without Polity & Laws are no Kingdom or Empire. There is a Purity, Grandeur & Dignity & Enlargement & Comprehension in true genuine History of an Empire, which none ever reached but *Livy*—of the World, which was never yet reached. Voluminous Writing is not necessary to History. The History of the World may be contained completely in one Quarto Volume, especially of such a small World as this; and indeed the History of the Worlds of this whole Solar System

might be comprized in one Volume if wrote by one of full & comprehensive View. Linnæus first wrote the true System of Botany, & Newton¹ the World.

. . . SUPERIOR COURT, RH. ISL., NEWPORT SS. MARCH TERM, 1762.

The Petition of Mess^{rs}. Aaron Lopez & Isaac Eliezar, Persons professing the Jewish Religion, praying that they may be naturalized on an Act of Parliament made in the 13th. year of his Majesty's Reign George the Second, having been duly considered, and also the Act of Parliament therein referred to, the Court are unanimously of Opinion that the said Act of Parliament was wisely designed for increasing the Number of Inhabitants in the Plantations, but this Colony being already so full of people that many of his Majesty's good Subjects born within the same have removed & settled in Nova Scotia & other places, cannot come within the Intention of the s^d. Act. Further by the Charter granted to this Colony it appears that the full & quiet enjoyment of the Christian Religion & a Desire of propagating the same were the principal Views with which the Colony was settled, & by a Law made & past in the year 1663 no person who does not profess the Christian Religion can be admitted free of this Colony; this Court therefore unanimously dismiss the said Petition as absolutely inconsistent with the first Principle upon which the Colony was founded & a Law of the same in full Force.

There are about 15 fam. of Jews in Newport. Some of the principal of them last year made Application to the Superior Court to be naturalized. The Court declined or deferred acting. The Jews then applied to the General Assembly, which referred it to the Sup^r. Court again as their Business to determine, which Sup^r. Court at Newport March Term 1762 gave their Judgment & determination upon the Petition of Aaron Lopez & Isaac Elizur copied above. It was remarkable that before this Term there had been three Trials for Felony of which two were capital, all guilty by Jury. And on the Eleventh Day of March 1762 Sentence was pronounced upon the Criminals successively brot to the Bar; first upon Jn^o. Sherman a noted Thief & Burglar for Burglary, sentenced to be hanged; secondly upon Fortune an abandoned Negro who set Fire to the

¹ The reference is to Sir Isaac Newton's *Chronology of Ancient Kingdoms*.

Warehouses at End Long Wharf 19th. Feb^r. which did Damage £5,000. ster. & endangered the Conflagration of the Town, sentenced to be hanged: Thirdly upon — Lawton for Perjury in swearing to an Acco^t. which he had falsely forged against another, sentenced to the Pillory &c. . . And then the Jews were called up to hear their almost equally mortifying sentence and Judg^t. which dismissed their Petition for Naturalization. Whether this was designedly, or accidental in proceeding upon the Business of Court I dont learn. But this I remark that Providence seems to make every Thing to work for Mortification to the Jews, & to prevent their incorporating into any Nation; that thus they may continue a distinct people. Tho' the Naturalization Act passed the Parliament a few years ago, yet it produced such a national Disgust towards the Hebrews, that the Jews themselves joyned in Petition to Parliament to repeal that Act, & it was thereupon repealed, for Britain. And tho' it was continued by way of Permission in the Plantations upon 7 Years' Residence, yet the Tumult at New York in procuring the Taking place of their Natural. there, & the Opposition it has met with in Rh. Island, forbodes that the Jews will never become incorporated with the people of America, any more than in Europe, Asia & Africa.

March 18, 1762.¹

BLOCK ISLAND 1762

Cap^t. Hull's Farm, now Ten^t. by Spencer
 Cap^t. Edw^d. Sands, indifferent but attends Meet^s.
 Nath^l. Littlefield } D^o.
 Caleb D^o. }
 Jn^o. D^o. }
 Rhodes Havens }
 Jn^o. Ball } Indiff.
 Ed. Ball }
 Sam^l. Rathbone, mov^d. to Mason's Island (Br. M^{rs}. Ryder)
 Henry Willis } forward
 W^m. Willis }
 Sam^l. Dunn D^o.
 Jon^a. Mitchel }
 Jos. D^o. } D^o.
 Tho^a. D^o. }
 Jos. D^o., Jun^r. }

¹ Cf. Arnold's *History of Rhode Island*, ii, 494.

(B^r. Ryder) Tho^s. Dickins } Engaged
 Dan^l. D^o. }
 Jer. Browning, educated Quaker but come to Meet^s.: is mov^d.
 Jn^o. Pococke—Presb. Indiff.
 Tho^s. Payn } Indiff.
 Jn^o. D^o. }
 Edw^d. Mott—come to Meet^s.
 Nath^l. Littlefield, Jun^r. } Indiff.
 Caleb D^o. Jun^r. }
 Nath^l. Lock } —Eng.
 Jn^o. Lock }
 Geo. Gardner, Ten^t. to Rodman—come
 W^m. Dodge }
 Nath^l. D^o. } Indiff.
 W^m. Dodge } Taylor
 ——— Sprague—come
 Stephen Enos—seldom
 Hez. Dodge } very seldom
 ——— Raynolds }
 Walter Rathbone—come
 Edmund Sheffield }
 Josias D^o. } come
 ——— D^o. }
 Dan^l. Rose—seldom
 41 Wid. Motte

About 50 or 60 Fam. Total in about 40 Houses.

{ Families on Block Island, A. D. 1756, as
 given me by the Rev. M^r. Maxfield.¹

There is a Ministry Lot on Block Island which rents for £400. old Ten^r. per Ann. M^r. Maxfield received part of it, A. D. 1756.

Block Island contains about 45 Dwelling Houses and 55 or 60 Families English, and few Indians but no Wigwaums: all but 2 or 3 within 2½ miles of the Meet^shouse.

March 26, 1762.

.. Apr. 15, 1762. One of Ninegret's Tribe told me that last year in order to shew the Need of a Schoolmaster for the Indian children, they took an acco^t. & found Indians, Men, Women & Children, about Six Hundred Souls—belonging to Ninegret's Tribe & exclusive of other Indians; he reckoned they had 200 Children—& full eno' for two Schools.

¹ The name should be Rev. Samuel Maxwell.

. . . March 26, 1762. M^r. Samuel Arnold, Pastor of Chh. of Marshfield, was ordained by the Imposition of hands of Two Lay Brothers, himself having not had a Liberal Education. He was Minister there A. D. 1679 when he assisted in an Ord. Council at Plymouth. Sometime after his own Ord. & Settlement the following Verses were set up on his Meet^hhouse door.

1

Independents precise of late did devise	
Of a <i>Boatman</i> ¹ to make a Divine,	¹ M ^r . Arnold
A <i>Smith</i> ² & a Planter ³ did make an Adventure	² Ordainers
Their Wits & their Call to refine.	lay-Brethren

2

I wish he steer well his new Boat out of Hell
And that he mistake not his port:
Or he will steer thither, or I know not whither,
If instead of Starboard, he port.

3

One reverend Dea'n ⁴ with his hands washed clean,	
Laid them on our Pastor's Head;	⁴ Farmer
And gave him a Charge, which was so very large	
That it struck him almost dead	

4

The other Dea'n ⁵ was very whist	
And on his Head he laid his Fist	⁵ Blacksmith
But could not express either Word or Letter,	
And being in a Maze, put his hand out of place	
Which indeed became the Anvil better.	

5

.....

Blind Zeal they had for their Pretencement,
Their Doctor they made & were not afraid,
By a strange & new fashioned Commencement.

Supposed to be made by one M^r. Thompson. This M^r. Arnold was in good Repute & acknowledged by the Ministers. M^r. Maxfield Æt. above 70 says he has seen a printed Sermon of M^r. Arnold's which he thinks was an Election Sermon.¹

I have otherwise been informed that this M^r. Arnold was a Man of Knowledge & Read^g. & well qualified for the Min^{ry}. & devoted himself to it as learned Ministers did.

¹ Preached at the Plymouth Colony Election in 1674; a copy is in the Library of the Massachusetts Historical Society.

. . . Apr. 2, 1762. THE FAMILY OF GARDNER.

Thomas Gardner the Ancestor I suppose came out of England about 1630 and settled at a place afterwards called Brookline in Massachusetts where he died July 1689 leaving Issue:

Ist Gen. 2 Sons, 4 Daug.	{	Andrew Gardner Thomas Gardner Mary Boylston Abigal Wise—Wife of Rev ^d . Mr. Wise of Ipswich Joanna Stanton—Wife of Rob ^t . Stanton of Stonington Lucy Monk
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Thomas Gardner, second of the aboves^d. 8 Children, was born about A. D. 1643 and died A. D. 1732, about Æt. 89, or 97. Leaving Issue or having Issue 12 Child. viz. 8 Sons & 4 Daughters, viz.

IId Gen. 8 Sons, 4 Daugh.	{	Thomas Gardner no Issue Jn ^o . Gardner, Bachelor—no Issue <i>Caleb Gardner</i> ... Issue 2 Sons & 6 Daugh. &c. Peter Gardner—no Issue Isaac Gardner ... Issue 2 child. Richard Gardner .. Issue 3 child. Andrew Gardner .. Issue 2 D ^o . Benj ^a . Gardner ... Issue 4 D ^o . Mary Tilestone ... Issue 1 Son 3 D. Sarah Stanton Issue 2 Child. 25
	{	Mary } died Infants Sarah }

Caleb Gardner, 3^d son of Thomas Gardner, was born at Brookline A. D. 1683, where he lived till A. D. 1731 & then removed to Newport, Rhode Island, where he died A. D. Sept^r. 29, 1761, Æt. 79. About 1707 he married his first Wife, — Harvey, who died about 1730, by whom he had Issue:

III ^d . Gen. 2 Sons & 6 Daug.	{	Eleanor Phipps married 1728 Joanna Aspinwal 1728 Solomon Gardne about 1735 Sarah Darrell 1737 Eliz ^a . Lyndon about 1738 Lucy Sherburn 1741 Bethiah Bennet about 1743 Caleb Gardner 1750
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Mr. Thomas Phipps, of Piscataqua, by marriage with — Harvey, Sister to Wife of Cap^t. Gardner, had among other Children

Mary Phipps, Niece to M^r. Gardner. Just before the Death of M^r. Gardner, 1730, *Miss Mary Phipps* leaving Boston by Reason of the Small Pox was retired to her Aunt Gardner's, attended her in her last Sickness and to her Death. After Removal of Scruples as to Legality & Conscience respect^d. the Mosaic Laws of Affinity, she was married to M^r. Gardner at Piscataqua. A Prosecution at Law being threatened thereupon at Boston, tho' he was assured even by the Judges of being cleared on Trial (Reports & Resolutions on the Case in Kings Bench & the Courts of Westminster being in his favor) yet he would not give offence, sold his Estate, & purchased & removed to Newport on Rhode Island, where he conducted himself as a conscientious, just & good man to his Death A. D. 1761. He was blessed with a good Estate & numerous Issue; of which according to an Account I took he lived to have:

Children		8
Grand child.		65
Great Gr. Child	..	7
		80
Of which died before 1761		22
		58

M^r. Mary Gardner (formerly Miss Mary Phipps) survived him a mournful Widow of about Æt. 54, a person of uncommon conjugal Fidelity, Capacity for mercantile Business, Integrity in Dealings, affectionate care of her Husband's numerous Issue & her Blood Relatives; & to complete her Character, of the most undissembled Piety, distinguished Sweetness, Mildness, Amiability & inoffensive Virtue.

Tho M^r. Gardner & his Wife were in full Communion in the Massachusetts, yet from a Principle of Inoffensiveness they never offered themselves to partake in our Chh., tho exemplary Members of the Meeting. Upon my succeeding M^r. Searing in the Ministry, without any Application of them & almost without their Notice, I procured a unanimous free and chearful Vote of the Chh. for their reception to Communion A. D. 1756, on w^c. they joined us in the Communion. . . .

Apr. 28, 1762. M^r. Thomas Coggeshall who died 25th. Ins^t. was buried. I walkt in the funeral Procession which was just 31 Minutes in passing from his House to the Gate of the Burying yard, near one Mile.

. . . May 5, 1762. Rev^d. Mather Byles of New London told me that in the compact part of that Town were about 250 Dwelling Houses & Stores; that his Congregation consisted of about 200 Families; that the Episcopalians in Town were about 20 or 30 Families, M^r. Graves¹ not having more belonging to him. Hence Total families 230. I judge from hence the Number of Dwellings 180 in compact Part. New Haven has about 250 Dwellings compact. . . .

Aug^t. 4, 1763. I am told by a very intelligent Man, M^r. Smith² of Charlest^o., S^o. Carolina, Speaker of the Assembly, that by a Numeration made 2 y. ago, there were not *four hundred* dwelling houses in Charlest^o. & he judged it not half so big as Newport. . .

July 21, 1762. Contrary to the usual Custom the Commencem^t. at Yale College was held for the first Time in July, & on 21st. Day, the same day that it was held at Harvard. President Clap of Yale College notified it publickly about three weeks before hand; he said his design was to keep the Rabble from coming; & seeming to invite Gentlemen of Education—he also said it would save Expences. At Yale College this Commencemen^t. 42 proceeded Bachelors of Arts, and 37 of one Class Masters of Arts, besides 7 Masters of other Classes, Total 86 Graduates. In the Masters' Theses were 48 Names, some of which were not present & did not receive a Degree.

It was in Course for the Rev^d. M^r. Samuel Andrews, Episcopal Missionary at Wallingford, to take his Master's Degree. He having lately returned from England where he received Episcopal Ordination bro't home with him the most contemptible Notions of his Country, particularly the New England Colleges which he reckoned beneath good Schools, tho' he himself had received all his little Education at one of them—he ridiculed & dispised a Degree. However previous to Commencement he was ordered to send in a Thesis or Question to be affixed to his Name: upon which he sent for this End the following Question, *An Episcopus Presbytero, jure divino, sit superior, potestate Ordinis & Jurisdictionis?* and insisted to defend it in the Affirmative. The President went so far as to

¹ Rev. Matthew Graves, a brother of Rev. John Graves, of Providence.

² Benjamin Smith, Speaker of the South Carolina House of Assembly, 1755-62.

gratify him in suffering his Thesis to be printed with an Affirmative to the Question.

Both the Thesis & M^r. Andrews' Contempt of the Academic Honors highly affronted his Class. M^r. Andrews had talked so slightly of the College & its Learning & Honors, that he began to say he did not know whether it was worth his While to take his Degree as 'twas a Trifle hardly worth his Notice. At length his Class sent to him on Commencement Morning for a catagorical Answer whether he would take his Degree or not—and whether he would pay for printing the Thesis—when he answered that he should not. Upon this the Class applied to the Corporation & remonstrated the Indignity & their Resentment, requesting Permission for an Erasure both of the Thesis & Name, & having obtained Leave, they brought forth the Masters' Theses or Questions, and in every one dashed out & erased the Episcopal Thesis above & the Name of *Samuel Andrews*.¹ This Account I received from M^r. Storrs, one of the Tutors of Yale College, in a Letter dated the next day after Commencement. . . .

Present Numbers of Indians as I collected an Account of them in a Journey to Cape Cod, May, 1762. Estimates very large.

Dartmouth, in 1760		75 Souls
Assawampsit	12 Fam.	36
Moment Ponds	12	36
Sippican	12	36
Pembrok & Situate	20	60
Mashpee	about 75	250 Census
Monimoy		30
Potenumeluk	30	60 or 64 Census
Fr. Sauquetucket to End of Cape		150
Sandwich	{ Census	30
Yarmo		30
Saconet & Tiverton		30
Nantucquet		300
Vinyard & Islands		300
Natic & Hassinamisco		50
		1573 Souls in 1762
		4168 D ^o . in 1698

¹ After humiliating experiences during the war of the Revolution, Mr. Andrews removed in 1786 to the Province of New Brunswick, where he died in 1818.

² Rev. Gideon Hawley (Yale 1749), Missionary to the Marshpee Indians.

Housatunnuc	180 Souls
Penobscot & Easton.	150
	1573
	600 Rh. Is.
	500 Connect.
	3003 in all N. Eng.

. . Apr. 25, 1763.

Estimate of Estate of Rev^d. Sam^l. Hall¹ of New Cheshire, Connecticut.

Homestead, 200 Acres @ £10. Proc.	£2000.
Waterbury Bounds, 200 Acres @ 20/	200.
Meriden, 200 Acres @ £5.	1000.
Monies at Interest	800.
Out Lands	200.
	£4200. L. M.

IN WIFE'S RIGHT

Conanicot, Rh. Is., 160 Acres @ £15.	1400.
In Narraganset perhaps	600.
	2000 L. M.

Total, £6200.

About 25 or 30 y. ago he bo't a Tract in Waterbury Bounds lying for 600 Acres, contain^d. in Truth 800 Acres; & another Tract in Northbury. About A. D. 1759 his people being disatisfied on acco^t. of his Transactions in the Wallingford Controversy, and he being advanced to Æt. 65, they threatened a Rupture with him, & a Prospect that he would find himself necessitated to relinquish the Ministry & Loose his Salary, he sold his s^d. 600 Acres to four purchasers for £600. Proc. taking Bonds on Interest at 6 per Cent. and also his Northbury Farm for £450. on Interest. This at once made him a Capital of £1050. Proc. yielding a yearly Interest of £63. Proc. which with the Produce of the Homestead would afford an Independ^t. Support. But the Storm blowing over he retains his Salary of £80. Proc. On Failure of Payment he took back one quarter of the 800 Acre Tract, & so has remaining in whole £900. at Interest w^c. is an Income of £54. Proc. Besides his Conanicot

¹ Yale Coll. 1716. Minister of New Cheshire, now Cheshire, from 1724 to his death in 1776. His wife was a daughter of Gov. Jonathan Law, of Milford, Conn.

Farm rents for 90 Doll. & Narrag. Lands for 30 Doll.¹ Tot. 120 Doll. equal to £36. Proc. So his Income is:

Interest of Monies	£54.
Rents	36.
Salary	80.

£170. Proc. Equal £120. Ster.

Apr. 24, 1763. Cap^t. W^m. Aug. Peck² tells me he judges at Mississippi may be Settlers to amount of at most Thirty Thousand Souls—& yet he don't think they can raise above Two Thousand fighting Men. And that the French told him there that Two Thirds of the Inhabitants were Protestants who had a Church in New Orleans. He says New Orleans lies about 20 Leagues up the River—that for 10 Leagues fr. the Mouth the Shore is Marshes on both sides—from half way up to City & perhaps 10 Leag. above is settled with Plantations all lying on the River & not extending above Two Miles back: and that not so many Settlem^{ts}. above as below the City. Cap^t. Peck was there about 1761. . . .

Gov. Gardner³ tells me that he can remember 60 years ago & that he & another aged Man had reckoned & counted & could remember when there were under one hundred & I think under 80 Dwelling Houses in Newport below the Parade at Rodmans Corner & not 40 above—not I think 120 in the Town. . .

It is said that General Amherst made above One hundred Thousand Pounds Sterling during his Command in America, & expended for the Nation above a Million Ster. unnecessarily in Erecting useless Forts on immense plans at Crownpoint, Onoyda, &c.

. . . Translation of President Clap's Valedictory Speech at the Commencement in Yale College, Sept. 10, 1766, being delivered after Conferring the Degrees & at the Close of the Academical Exercises.

"Since it is the Faculty of Reasoning that most highly exalts Mankind above the Brutes, it is necessary that Schools & Colleges be erected, in which

¹ Spanish milled dollars.

² of Newport.

³ John Gardner, Deputy-Governor, died 1764.

this noble Faculty may be enlarged by Exercise & Practice, & rendered accurate & sagacious in the highest Degree; especially that the human Mind may have the clearest Conceptions & most sublime Ideas of the divine Nature, & be fitted & prepared for celestial Felicity. For this Purpose this religious School was founded & erected by our Ancestors, that select youth might be educated for the sacred Function of the Gospel Ministry.—Since I have had the Honor of presiding over this Academy, I have been greatly delighted in seeing its Increase in Edifices, Instructors & Students, & in almost every kind of useful & polite Literature; especially that it has for a long Time annually produced so many shining Lights in the Chh., & firm Pillars in the civil State; whereof this Assembly of Reverend Divines, & Gentlemen well skilled in political & military Affairs, is a most clear & ocular Demonstration. But such has always been the State of this College, as that I have always been involved in more Care, Business & Labor, than is proper for one Man, or usual with other Presidents; which Labor for the good of College I have, with the greatest Pleasure & Chearfulness, gone thro' for almost Twenty seven years; but being now somewhat advanced in Age, & overpowered by those Fatigues, I am very desirous of the Sweets of Retirement & a private Life; & therefore most freely resign my public Office. I have long enough acted a public part in Life. I have had of Honor enough, of Burden by far too much—with a most ardent Desire & Endeav^r. to promote the honor & greatest Emolument of this Society; especially that the Minds of Young Men might be replenished with the Principles of true Religion.

"And now I pray God, that the religious Foundation of this Society, established upon the sacred Scriptures & our Confession of Faith, may be preserved safe & pure to the latest Posterity. And my Reverend Brethren, to whom is committed the Care & Authority of this Academy, I beseech & even charge you, that you do not, on any pretence whatever, turn aside from the Way of Orthodoxy; & that you never chuse a President or Fellow, who is lukewarm or indifferent to the Principles of Religion, thro' whose Indulgence or Want of Care, any Corruption may steal into this sacred Fountain, & thence into the Churches.

"May Yale College continue long & flourish, & in the Light thereof may our Chhs. always rejoyce. Farewel, my Reverend Brethren: Adieu, ye Lights of the church—and all of you who have been educated in this Seat of Learning. Shine more & more in Chh. & State. Lastly, I bid you one & all farewell. May you be happy to all Eternity."

After this the Rev^d. Fellows passed & entered the follow^g. Vote as a standing Testimony of their Respect & Gratitude to the Rev^d. President.

"Whereas the Rev^d. M^r. THOMAS CLAP, President of this College, at our last Meeting, was pleased to signify to this Corporation, that, considering his advanced Age, and that his State of Health was less firm than heretofore, and his long and fatiguing Service here; he desired to Resign his Office of President, and enjoy the Sweets and Comfort of Retirement, dur-

ing the Remainder of his Life; The Corporation, being much affected with Concern on Account of the Difficulties and dark State the College seems like to be under upon the President's Resignation, have earnestly desired his Continuance in his Office, if he could consistently with his Health and Ease of his Mind. But the President remaining fixed in his Desire of Resignation, The Corporation find themselves obliged with Grief, to accept of it, and do accordingly accept of the President's Resignation. But think themselves bound to return Their sincere and hearty Thanks to him, for his great, good and long Service in this College, which he has governed and instructed with Great Diligence, Zeal and Faithfulness, for a Course of many Years, and with great and extraordinary Oeconomy and Frugality managed the Concerns of it, and the building of the New College and Chapel, and we heartily wish him a happy Repose, and a glorious and abundant Reward in the World above with Jesus and the Spirits of the Just made perfect."

. . . ELECTION, CONNECTICUT, MAY 4, 1767.

It is supposed the Total of Freemen in that Colony may be 12 Thousand, of which two Thirds voted. The Total of fencible men may be 30 Thous^d. of w^c. Two Thirds in Militia. The Eastern Part of the Colony were vigorous Sons of Liberty, the 500 who deforced M^r. Ingersol's Resign^t.¹ coming chiefly from thence. The Western part were less vigorous, & more awed by the Anti american Measures. Connecticutt River became the dividing Line. The West Side voting for Gov. Fitch; & the East Side for Gov. Pitkin, who also voted for Shelden, Sherman, Walker, Newenport & Johnson on the West Side, & partly the West Side New Light Interest joyned Pitkin. Those of the West Side who voted for Fitch, which was the Body of actual Voters, did not generally vote for the East Side. The Votes were thus:

E	Gov. Pitkin	4777
W	Gov. Fitch	3481
	Scattering Votes for Gov.	64
E	Dep. Gov. Trumble	3309
	Scatt ^g . for Dep. Gov.	3039

ASSISTANTS

E	Hez. Huntington	4230
E	—— Griswold	4402
E	Shubael Conant	3804
W	—— Shelden	3630
E	Eliphalet Dyer	3596

¹ Jared Ingersoll (Yale 1742) was forced to resign his commission as Stamp-Distributor for Connecticut in Sept., 1765.

E	Jabez Huntington	3737
E	W ^m . Pitkin, Son of Gov.	4046
W	Roger Shearman	4300
W	Rob ^t . Walker	3911
W	Ab ^m . Davenport	3785
W	W ^m . Sam ^l . Johnson, LL.D.	3624
E	Jos. Spencer	2441
W	Gov. Fitch	2104
W	Eben. Silliman	2348
W	John Chester	1861
W	Benj ^a . Hall	1752
W	Jabez Hamlin	2016
E	Zeb. West	1599

Rem. 1. The Total of Voters for Governor was 8323, of which more than one half for Gov. Pitkin.

Rem. 2. I think the Western part voted for Col. Saltonstall Dep. Gov. and he was Eastern, & Huntⁿ. & Grisw. & Pitkin must also have received some Western Votes.

Rem. 3. Silliman, Hall, Chester, Hamlin administered the Stamp Oath to Gov. Fitch, & had few or no Votes on East Side except the Chh.

Rem. 4. The Episc^o. render themselves important thus. D^r. Johnson a Lawyer politically became a Son of Lib^y. was sent to the Congress. They struck a Bargain with the Sons of Lib^y. that they would as a Body vote for the Eastern Interest, if they would take Johnson into the Council. By this Stratagem he got 2000 Votes, which added to 1000 of Episc^o. Votes, & the Western Votes, bro't him in. He was the first Episcopalian ever bro't into the Council in Connecticut.

Rem. 5. Instance of Gov. Fitch voted for as Gov. & as Assist^t. the same year. This is consistent as he was in the 20 Nomination.

July 1, 1767.

. . . Sept. 1, 1766. Judge Lightfoot¹ tells me that he heard D^r. Franklin say (1763) that he judged Ten Thousand Families or Fourty Thousand Souls had emigrated from Pensylv^a. to North Carolina within a few years. M^r. Purviance² told me that most of

¹Robert Lightfoot, formerly Judge of Vice Admiralty in the Southern Colonies, now in Newport for his health.

²Samuel Purviance, Jr., a merchant of Philadelphia. See his letters to Dr. Stiles, elsewhere in this volume.

the Irish Accessions after Landing Pensylv^a. proceeded thro' it to N^o. Carolina & Virginia &c. & these mostly Presbyterians. In Pensylv^a. the Germans herd or associate together about Lancaster County, & buy out the Irish—who remove where Land is cheaper.

Remark. If accord^d. to Gov. Dobbs the Total of Souls in N^o. Carol. A. D. 1764 was about Ninety five Thousand Whites, & 40 Thous^d. are of the Pensylv^a. Emigration or Transmigration, then at least Half that Province are Dissenters—for all the Irish are so.

Rem. 2. Perhaps D^r. Franklin's Mean^d. was that the Transmigr^a. indeed was 40 Thous^d. but that they dispersed on the Frontiers of the several adjacent Colonies; tho' the main body lodged in N^o. Carolina. The Lands in Maryland have been all taken up a long Time.

. . . ACC^o. EXPORTS FROM PHILADEL^a. FROM 5 APR. 1765 TO 5 AP. 1766

		My Valuation	
	367,522 Bush. Wheat 6/	@ 4/	£73,504 Sterling
@ 23/ St.	198,516 Bb. Flour, being 16543		
per B.	Tons of 12 Bb.		
	34,736 Bb. Bread, being 2171	@ £17.	281,091
	Tons of 16 Bb.	@ £17.	36,907
	609 Bb. Beef £3.	@ 30/	1,000
	6,645 Bb. Pork £4.	@ 40/	13,290
	3,912 Thousand Staves £9.,		
	£7., £4.	@ 30/ 65/	16,000
	358 Thous ^d . Heading	@ 40/	700
	2,114 Thous ^d . Shingles	@ 40/	4,000
	60,206 Bush. Ind. Corn 3/		
	Pensylv.	@ 2/	6,020
	882 Tons Bar Iron	} @ £30.	50,000
	813 Tons Pig Iron		
	1,644 Boxes of Soap	} @ 40/	5,688
	1,202 Boxes of Candles		
	97 Thous ^d . Hoops	@ 40/	200
	1,640 Pounds of Tobacco		16
	783 Thous ^d Feet of Boards,	@ 30/	1,000
	&c.		
	1,288 Bb. of Beer	@ 5/	300
	283 Kegs of Starch		100
	12,094 Hogsheads of Flaxseed	@ 30/	18,000
	6/ per Bush		
	64 Chests of Skins & Furs		10,000
			£467,810 Sterling

Annual Export Half a Million Sterling, of which above Two Thirds in Flour, Wheat & Bread.

N. B. In the above List are not included, viz. Butter, Provisions and Stores for Shipping new Vessels, Cordage, Bees Wax, Logwood, Gammons, &c. &c.

May 23, 1760.

BRITISH GOVERNORS IN AMERICA
IN THE YEAR 1760

William Henry Lyttleton—South Carolina
Henry Ellis—Georgia
Arthur Dobbs—No. Carolina
Gen. Amherst—Virginia
F. Fauquier, Lt. Gov.
Ld. Baltimore, Proprietor—Maryland
Horatio Sharp, Lt. Gov.
Mess. Penn, Propriet^r.—Pennsylvania
James Hamilton, Lt. Gov.
Fr. Barnard—New Jersey
Sir Cha. Hardy—New York
James Delancy, Lt. Gov.
Thos. Fitch—Connecticut
W^m. Pitkin, Dep. Gov.
Stephen Hopkins—Rhode Island
Jn^o. Gardner, Dep. Gov.
Thos. Pownal—Massachusetts
Tho. Hutchinson, Lt. Gov.
Benning Wentworth—New Hampshire
Cha. Lawrence—Nova Scotia
Edward Whitmore—Cape Britain
Rob^t. Dorrel—Newfoundland
Gen. Murray—Quebec

ISLANDS

——— Jamaica—
Lieut. Gen. Henry More
Cha. Pinfold—Barbadoes
Geo. Thomas—Leeward Islands
Gilbert Fleming, Lt. Gov.
Ld. Hawley, Lt. Gov.—Antigua & Montserrat
R. Coupe, Lt. Gov.—St. Kitts
W^m. Popple—Bermuda
Gen. Shirley—Bahama & Summer Islands
Lt. Col. Rob. Melvil, Lt. Gov.—Guadaloupe, &c.

The Frontier Counties in *Maryland & Virginia* are generally inhabited by North of Ireland Scots presbyterians, who landed in Pennsylvania, but sold their Improv^{td}. there to the more industrious German Settlers.

ACCO^t. OF PASSENGERS & SERVANTS LANDED IN PENNSYLVANIA FROM
CHRISTMAS, 1728, TO CHRISTMAS, 1729

English & Welch Passengers	199
Servants	68
Irish Passengers	925
Servants	230
Scots Passengers	00
Servants	43
Palatine Passengers	243
Servants	00
In Newcastle Government have been	
landed about 4500 Passengers and	
Servants, chiefly from Ireland . . .	4500
	6208

It is said that 10000 Families of Scotch Presbyterians transported themselves to America from the Death of K. William to 1738.—Oldmixon, p. 227. But it is to be noted the most of them settled out of New England.

EPISCOP. MINISTERS, JERSIES, 1760¹

T. B. Chandler—Elizabeth Town

— — — — —Amboy

Brown—Newark

McKean—Brunswick (Not above 20 Fam.)

Cook—Shrewsbury

Campbell—Burlington

A French Jesuit²—Trentown

D^o.—NEW YORK

— — — — —Staten Island

Barkly } N. York

Auchmuty }

¹ Of this list 6 were Yale graduates: Thomas B. Chandler (1745), Isaac Browne (1729), Henry Barclay (1734), Samuel Seabury, Junior (1748), John Ogilvie (1748), and James Wetmore (1714). See also *Digest of S. P. G. Records*, 1893, p. 854-56.

² Rev. Michael Houdin, ordained by the (Roman Catholic) Archbishop of Treves in 1730, conformed to the Church of England in 1747, and was an itinerant missionary in New Jersey from 1753 to 1760.

Seabury—Hampstead
 Seabury, Jun.—Jamaica
 Lyons—Brookhaven
 Ogilvie—Albany
 ——— —Highlands
 ——— —West Chester
 Wetmore—Rye

PRESBYTERIAN MINISTERS IN PROVINCE OF NEW JERSEY¹

30	Nath ^l . Whitaker—Woodbridge	N
	——— P with Brunsw ^k . (70 fam.)	
28	Abm. Kettletas—Elizabethtown	Y
25	Alex. McWhorter—Newark	N
35	Caleb Smith—Mountains do.	Y
	Azariah Horton ———	
35	Jacob Green ———	H
40	——— Jones—Whippany	Y
70	Jno. Pierson—Mendon	Y
40	Arch ^d . Kennedy—Baskingridge	N
50	James McCray—Pepack	P
40	——— Lewis ———	Y
60	——— Guyle—Hopewell	
38	——— Hoit—Amwell	N
45	Sam ^l . Harker—Black River	NP
60	David Cowell—Trentown	H
45	Chas. McKnight—	P
	Dan ^l . Elmer—Turkey Hills	
56	Wm. Tennent—Freehold	P
36	Sam ^l . Davies—College Chaplain	NP
35	Israel Reed—Bound Brook	NP
40	Aaron Richards—Raway	Y
40	Elihu Spencer—Shrewsbury	Y
40	Jno. Brainerd—Inds.	Y
	——— Cranbury & Princeton & Kingtown	
	——— Brunswick	
40	——— Lawrence—Cape May	P
40	——— Greenman ———	Y
50	——— Hunter ———	P

PRESBY^t. MINISTERS, N. YORK

David Bostwick—New York
 ——— —Jamaica
 Eben^t. Prime—Huntington
 Horton—Newton

¹ The figures prefixed to the following names indicate age, and the letters appended refer to place of education (Y = Yale, H = Harvard, N = Nassau Hall, or Princeton, P = Private).

Buel—East Hampton
 ————Satauket or Brookhaven
 White—S^o. Hampton
 Brown—Bridghampton
 Payn ————
 Talmadge—Southold
 ————Oyster Pond
 Reaves—Satauket, S^o.
 Chauncy Graham—Rumbout
 Enos Ayres—Highlands
 Brush—Goshen, late Mr. Leonards parish
 ————Do., late Mr. Elmers parish
 ————Cachauge
 ————Hockabaug
 ————Mattatuck

DUTCH CALVINISTS IN N. YORK & JERSEY

Domine—Ruhman¹ —N. York
 De Ronde Do.
 Frelinghuysen—Albany
 Do.—Esopus
 Light—Brunswick

CHH. OF ENGLAND IN N. H. (MAY 2, 1760)

Enos Alling	1	Will ^m . Cable	3
Stephen Alling	3	Tim ^o . Ford	1
Stephen Mansfield	5	Joshua May	3
Tim ^o . Bonticu	6	Nicholas Lechmere	6
Tim ^o . Bonticou, Jun.	5	Stephen Bradley	5
Isaac Doolittle	7	Mathew Noble	2
Benj ^a . Munson	1	Thomas Dodd	3
Will ^m . Punchard	4	Jos. Woodhouse	2
John Danilson	2	Jno. Miles	7
Thomas Davis	4		
Benj ^a . Sanford	5		87 Souls
John Leek	5	Mr. Holt	
Dan ^l . Russel	7	Mr. Grenough	2
		Jno. Read	2

MR. WHITTELSEYS MEETING, NEW HAVEN

Col. Hubbard	Jos. Humeston
Jno. Whiting	——— Do.
Tho. Darling	——— Do.
Aaron Day	James Basset
Jno. Hubbard, Jun.	Nath ^l . Eaton

¹ Thomas Romeyn.

Lev^t. Hubbard
 Dan^l. Hubbard
 Jos. Trowbridge
 Sam. Miles
 Tho. Howell
 James Sherman
 Elisha Whittelsey
 Jno. Hall
 Jno. Sacket
 James Atwater
 Steph. Howel
 Jno. Allen
 Jos. Miles
 Jon^a. Fitch
 Jared Ingersol
 Sam^l. Bishop
 Michael Todd
 Eli Todd
 Sam^l. Darling
 Jon^a. Mansfield
 Nathan Mansfield
 Caleb Hotchkis
 Caleb Do.
 Nehemiah Do.
 Joshua Do.
 Jer. Macumber
 Isaac Atwater
 Jonah Atwater
 Jon^a. Atwater
 Do. Do.
 Caleb Mix
 Dan^l. Tuttle
 Jabez Mix
 Amos Hitchcock
 Step. Ball
 Dan^l. Perkins
 James Hillhouse
 Jon^a. Alling
 Jno. Alling
 Jos. Alling
 Ithaliah Thomas
 Josiah Thompson
 James Peck
 Steph. Peck
 Joshua Chandler
 Sam^l. Gilbert
 Jno. White

Do. Do.
 Jos. Dickerman
 Dan^l. Dorman
 Tho^a. Gilbert
 Sam^l. Cooper
 Tim^o. Cooper
 Elisha Booth
 Eben^r. Dorman
 Steph. Chatterton
 Nath^l. Payn
 James Thompson
 Jno. Bradly
 Eph. Morris
 James Sperry
 Jos. Sperry
 Josh. Sperry
 Jon^a. Sperry
 Jonah Baldwin
 Jos. Hitchcock
 Jer. Osborn
 Jehiel Osborn
 Nath^l. Beecher
 Eleazar Brown
 ——— Do.
 Benj^a. Ally
 Jno. Noyes
 Abel Parmele
 Tim^o. Howel
 Hez. Gorham
 Jos. Hitchcock, Jun.
 Abel Ives
 Steph. Sperry
 Step. Dickerman
 Hez. Tuttle
 ——— Kimberly
 David Atwater
 Josh. Atwater
 Dan^l. Atwater
 Dan^l. Atwater
 Mat. Gilbert
 Hez. Allen
 Isaac Morris
 ——— Penfield
 Jos. Miles
 Jos. Do.
 Mrs. Caner
 Steph. Warner

Jno. Dickerman	Jethro
Dan ^l . Talmadge	Abner Bradly
Isaac Stiles	Dan ^l . Dorman
Jno. Gills	Benj. Do.
Enos Basset	Ezra Do.
Jno. Basset	116 Mrs. Pinto

Mr. Whittelsey told me he had about 150 fam.

May, 1760, Some of the Chiefs of the Penobscot Tribe of Indians made & signed a formal Submission & Allegiance to his britannic Majesty, in which they owned that the Fee of the Territory of right belonged to the Crown by Virtue of Conquest. The Penobscot Tribe was then found to consist of 5 *Sangamas* & 73 *Warriors*.

At a Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhab. of the Town of Boston in May, 1760, for Choice of Representatives, there appeared to be 997 *Voters*.

. . . There are above 400 families in Mr. Williams' parish in East Hartford. Above 200 in Mr. Dorr's, & about 150 in Mr. Whitman's, in Hartford.

Trinity Chh., N. York, 148 feet long, including the Tower & Chancel, & 72 wide. Steeple 175 high.

St. George's Chapel, N. Y., Length exclusive of the Chancel, 92 feet, and Breadth 72. Height of Steeple, 175.

Presbyt. Chh., N. Y., 80 by 60, Steeple 145 feet,—12 or 1400 Souls.
French Chh., Do., 70 by 50.

1760, May 23. Set out from Newport in Company with Gov. Ellery & Rev^d. Mr. Cummings.¹ Dined at Little Rest.² Measured & found Courthouse 46 feet by 31. Bapt. Meeting 33 by 25.

24. Measured the Episc. Chh. at Norwich Landing, 42 by 34. About 70 families at Landing, Presbyt. (Capt. Bushnel, Capt. Tracy, Phin. Holder, Sol^o. Handleton, Jon^a. Hall, Sam^l. Hull, at Landing,—M^r. Griste, Mr. Lancaster, Maj. Bushnel, Wid. Charlton,

¹ Alexander Cumming, formerly a minister of the Presbyterian Church in New York City, settled over the Old South Church in Boston in 1761.

² Kingston, Rhode Island.

in Town, Churchmen.) May be 40 Fam. of New Light Seperat. in Norwich, Mr. Hide & Mr. Fuller Ministers.¹ New Court House, Norwich, 50 by 28, erected 1760. Mr. Jabez Huntington's Store, 88 by 30, two stories. Heard of the Death of my Father² who died May 14, 1760, Ætat. 62¾, and in 36th y. of his Ministry. Arrived at Colechester.

25. Went to Meeting & heard Mr. Little in forenoon & Mr. Cummings afternoon; about 500 Persons at Meeting, which made a crowded Congregation; at Sacrament about 45 Males & perhaps 55 Females.

26. At Colechester. The first 400 Proprietors of Susquehanna paid five Dollars per Right, the next 300 paid seven Dollars, the last 150 paid 9 Dollars. About 850 whole Rights. This Affair began Spring 1753. In Oct. 1753 sent men to inspect the Lands. In the year 1755 Mr. Stephen Gardner & Mr. Young, Surveyor, went on Susquehannah. Set out from Albany June 4th. From Albany to Schoharry 20 Miles. . . .

EXTRACTS FROM MR. GARDNER'S JOURNAL ON SUSQUEHANNAH:

1755, June 6. Got to a small Creek about 30 Miles from Schohary, a little Branch which leads into Susquehanna; lodged there.

7. Set out on our Journey about 7 o'clock: "crost a Branch of Susquehanna River about one o'Clock—Dined there, set forward, got to Susquehanna River at a small Town called To-on-on-tet³, 5 or 6 Houses, where a Branch of y^e. River comes in, about 30 Miles from the head of the River. Crost the River between 3 & 4 the Clock—rode down the River 14 Miles in the Rain: very bad Riding part of the Way; got to Otego at Night (large Meadows, Good Grass, some Apple-Trees)." Tarried at Otego till Monday Morning.

9. "Set forward about 6 o'clock, comp^y. all well, rained part of the Forenoon, rode down to Un-en-duller⁴, got an Indian there to go with us to Ouoquoga, set out from Unenduller 5 or 6 the Clock, crost the River, rode down on the East Side about two Miles, then crost the River again, where the Indians the week before caught

¹ Jedediah Hide, born in Norwich, 1712, ordained 1747, died 1761; John Fuller, ordained in Lyme, 1746-7, died in Plainfield 1777.

² Rev. Isaac Stiles (Yale 1722), of North Haven, Connecticut.

³ Oneonta, Otsego County, N. Y.

⁴ Unadilla, Delaware County.

with a Bush Draught 720 Shad, rode down about a Mile & camped there."

10. "Set out for Ouoquonga¹ about 6 o'clock, travelled down about 15 Miles, turned out to bait, set forward, got down to the Tuscorrore Town about 3 the Clock, met the Indians there from below going to the Treaty to Col. Johnson's, conversed some with them, got them to go back to the next Town, Ouoquoge about 2 or 3 Miles below, got down to Ouoquoge a little before Night."

11. Met about 40 Indians, Unondongos, Onoides, Tuscarores, some from Cheningo, Teoga, & 3 Delewares, who having consulted said, "that the Indians that had signed our Deed were their Fathers & Chief Men of the Six Nations, but they themselves were the Natives born on the Land & lookt on themselves as the proper Owners of the Land & would act nothing in the affair then, but refered it to the Treaty at Col. Johnson's, where they should meet their Fathers & consult with them about it."

12. Observed the Lat. of Ouoquaugh, 42°, 11'.

13. About 4 o'Clock afternoon took Tom Siskom an Indian for a Pilot, set forward down the River in a Battoe, & sent our Horses along by Land, "got down about 16 Miles that Night."

14. Set forward down the River about 5 o'clock morning, "got down as far as Cheningo that Day." Met our men there that carried our Horses along. Met some Indians there—forced to give away some of our Rum to save the rest.

15. Set out sometime in forenoon & "got within about 4 Miles of Owago."

16. Morning, set forward as far as *Great Island*, within about two Miles of *Owago*. Took an Observation there, but not very good, cloudy at noon: found Lat. 42°, 9'. Went forward to Owago², no Inhab., exceeding good Meadows. A River 4 Rods at Mouth coming from the West empties into "the great River." Set forward about 10 Miles, very good Land all the Way; a running Brook comes into the River from S. E. Went 4 Miles further & encamped there; very good Land.

17. Set out 7 o'clock Morn.—cloudy & rained some—passed by *Teoga* about middle of the Day: good Land, Cornona a large Island against the upper Town Kneehugh; passed by *Teoga* 10 Miles & encamped.

¹ Ouaquaga, Broome County.

² Owego, Tioga County.

18. Cleared off about 8 o'clock Morn., set out, thundered & very hard Rain about 11 o'clock—another hard Shower in afternoon. "Went down round the point of the Island & camp't there, killed a large Rattle Snake by our Tent."

19. Cloudy. 6 o'clock morn. set out—"little Rain in the forenoon. Got down 3 Miles below Wi-o-wo-mok¹ Upper Castle, camp't there."

20. Cloudy: moved about 6 o'clock. "Pass by several good Islands, good large Meadows on both sides—much Grass—about 4 Miles to the East Mount & 3 to the West: about 7 Miles below where we encamp't went over a very swift Rift falls over the Rocks in the middle so as 'tis bad passing there: and about half a Mile below the falls, a small River comes in on the East side, falls down over Rocks. Suitable place for two Mills near the River—boats may go to the Tail of the lower Mill.—Got down to Wiomomeek about 10 the Clock, stored our packs at Old *Covess's*, waited for our Horses. At night the men come with the Horses": bro't news the Surveyor's Horse gave out 40 Miles above in the mountains, supposed bit with a Rattlesnake.

21. Sent the Battoe away by the men we hired to carry it to Ouoquaghe. (N. B. Mr. Gardner tells me that from Wiwomek Upper Castle or Village to Old *Covesses* by Land was 4 or 5 Miles, by Water not so much, the River running pretty strait for some Miles.) Hired an Indian to go up the River for the Surveyor's horse.

22. Indian Feasts at Wiwomeck, performed 4 Times a year.

23. Took Observat. for Lat. & found it to be 41°, 16'. Indian returned & bro't Word the Horse was dead. (N. B. 3 Days' travel, 40 Mile & back.)

24. Hired a Canoe & went down the River; left Horses & packs with two men to take Care of them till our Return. Went down "about a Mile & ½ from *Covesses*, a small River runs in from the N°. or N. E., then down by a large Island & some Indian Settlements on the East Side of the River; the Shawanee's Town is on the West Side; went down about 20 Miles, passed by 4 Indian Houses, went down about 10 Miles further, & camp't near Night." Waited two Days for an Observation, cloudy weather, so returned with only the Course of the River.

¹ Wyoming.

26. Got back as far as the foot of the falls—camped there.

27. Set out 7 o'clock Morn. to go up the falls: got up through very well without Wading. Got to Covesses about Noon.

"Set out on our Journey homewards about 5 o'clock, travelled over the Mount, had a hard Thunder Shower, rode in the Rain to near dark & camped—about 8 Miles from the River."

28. Set forward in the Morning, travelled about 8 or 10 Miles: Horse fell & bruised my Ankle. "Rode 35 or 40 Miles that Day, camped about 15 Miles from Brodheads."

29. Rode 5 Miles, stopt & set Horse Shoe, got to Delaware¹ to Robert Parks about 10 o'clock. "Note, the Dist. from Wiowomek to Delaware is about 55 Miles we judged as the Road goes; but in a strait Line not more than 40 Miles, the general Course about E. S. E. & W. N. W. "Land that is never like to be inhabited, it is a desolate Wilderness, mountainous, rocky, stony, Hemlock & Laurel Swamp; tho' much good Timber of divers Sorts, yet no suitable Ground for Occupying except a small Intervale on Tobehannah River, about half way from Susquehannah to Delaware.

July 1. Found the Lat. by Observation 41°. End of Journal.

Delaware River at Ferry passed in Road from Smithfield to Esopus a little wider than Petaquamscut River² or 10 Rods wide. Susquehannah thro' the 42d degree of Lat. about the Width of Connecticut River at Hartford. Tobehannah River about as big as the small River crossed a little this side of Norwich. Nescopeakin about half Way between Wiwomoc & Shamokin; but Mr. Gardner judged both Nescopekin & Shamokin below the South Line. Connaughtenhead an English Settlement about 25 Miles inland East of Nescopeck. The Rout Mr. Gardner made in 1755 he went no lower than just above Nescopeag. But in the year 1753 in October he went from Little New England to Wiowameck & down the River by Nescopeag, Shamokin, &c. down to Harris ferry³; & from thence returned over Land to Reidings Town &c. to Little N. England. He judges the Distance between Wiwomock to Harris' Ferry about 100 Miles—and Shamokin about half way between them.

Set out from Colechester after Dinner; past Haddam Ferry 5 o'clock. Tide here 3 or 4 feet. . . .

¹ *i. e.*, to Delaware River.

² In North Kingston, R. I.

³ Near the present Harrisburg.

May 27. From Haddam to Saybrook ferry 20 Miles. . .
Lodged at Squire Brainerd's, West Haddam. From Mr. Gardner's
to Colechester Meeting House $3\frac{1}{2}$ Miles; from Gardner's to the
Ferry 14 Miles; from Ferry to Brainerd's 5 Miles; fr. thence to
Durham 9 Miles; to Wallingford 8 Miles; to North Haven 6;
to New Haven 8. . . .

28. In the Townships of Wallingford about 70 families of
Chhmen., of which 45 in Wallingford, 15 in Cheshire, 6 in Meriden.
1 House Middletown, 1 Wallingford, under one Mission. (1 House
at Cheshire.) 1 N^o. Haven, 1 place Reading at Cheshire & Pauge,
Branford, 1 Chh. at Guilford, 1 Cohabit.

SIGNERS AG^t. FATHER STILES,¹ OF W^c 5 SINGLE YOUNG MEN

Christ ^o . Todd	Joel Bradly	Sam ^l . Thorp
Capt. Ives	Moses Bradly	Jos. Turner
Dan ^l . Basset	Demas Bradly	Phin. Clark, Jun.
Abm. Basset	Obediah Bradly	Sam ^l . Mix
James Bradly	Zuir Bradly	James Heaton 15

SECRET MALECONTENTS

Mansfield	Aaron Blackly	Theo. Heaton
Serj ^t . Tuttle	Seth Heaton	Jos. Bishop
W ^m . Tuttle		

EPISC^o. CHH. IN N^o. HAVEN

Abm. Blackly	Ben Barns, Jun.	Mr. Little
Zophar Do.	Simon Tuttle almost	Thos. Walter
Matt. Do.	Jno. Blackly	Aaron Tuttle
Eben ^r . Blackly	Jude Cooper dubious	Wm. Sanford
Eben ^r . Do., Jun.	Sam ^l . Pierpont	Dan. Finch, Jun.
—— Dutchman	Reuben Bachelor	Oliver Blackly } Single
Dan. Finch	Gershom Barns	Mathew Do. }

About 175 Families in N^o. Haven.

Carmel² Meeting, 55 by 40.—70 Families at Carmel.

¹ The last years of Dr. Stiles's father, in his parish of North Haven, were harassed by opposition.

² Mount Carmel Society, in the present town of Hamden, Conn.

40 FAMILIES IN N^o. HAVEN ABOUT A. D. 1715

Humberston	Eben ^r . Frost	Moses Brocket
Thorp	Capt. Sanford	Sam ^l . Brocket
Sam ^l . Sanford	Tho. Sanford	Thos. Barns
Deacon Todd	Theo. Eaton	Dan. Do.
Thos. Beach	Seth Do.	Tho. Jacobs
Thos. Humeston	Capt. Grannis	Sam ^l . Do.
Jno. Barns	Jos. Clark	Sam. Bradley
Israel Do.	Steph Do.	Jos. Bradley
Jno. Cooper	Elihu Yale	Deac. Ives
Michael Todd	Deac ^o . Do.	Capt. Ives
Simon Tuttle	Serj. Turner	Phin. Clark
Nath ^l . Do.	Laurence Clinton	Eben ^r . Ives
W ^m . Do.	James Bishop	Jos. Cooper
		Thos. Ives

66 Fam. Chhmen in Stratford Old Society; 170 Congregational Fam.—N^o. Stratford, about 30 Chh. Fam.; 130 Cong.—Ripton, 160 Fam., of w^c. one Third Episcopa.—Stratford, about perhaps 160 Fam., of w^c. 40 Episcop. or $\frac{1}{4}$.—West Side, A. D. 1758, Fam. of Cong. 50, 23 Episcop. This I rec^d. from the Rev. Mr. Birdsy.¹

New Brick, New Haven, 76 by 54; Blue, 65 by 45; Chh. at New Haven 58 by 38². . . . Fam. in Milford, 250; Mr. Prudden's, One Fifth or 50. . . .

PRESENTS

May 19. Mr. Dennis gave me for my Journey 1 Dollar .. £0.6.0
Messrs. Sayre & Belcher $1\frac{1}{4}$ Doll. & 1/ Y. M.³ 8.05

June 5. Gov. Ellery, Connect. 20^s. Proc.

13. ——— 4 Dollars more

CARRIED WITH ME CASH, VIZ.

The above	£0.14.3 Proc.
10 ^s . Bill & Silver	12.0
Moidore, 6 Doll.	1.16.0
Connect. 20 ^s . Proc. 1759	1. 1.0
4 Dollars	1. 4.0
Pocket Cash, Mr. Ellery	14.2
	£6. 1.5
Spent	1.13.3
Remains	4. 8.2

¹ Nathan Birdseye (Yale 1736), of Stratford.

² Dimensions of New Haven meetinghouses.

³ York money.

EXPENSES

Colechester Sacramt.	o. 0.7¼
Mr. Gardner's Children	2.6
Barber, Norwich	3
To Shoes, Wife's @ 6/6	5.0
To Ashbel	1.2½
To Marston Cabot	0.7
To left with Wife	5.4
To Billy's Child	1.6

SPENT OF GOV. ELLERY'S MONEY

For Pamphlets	3.8
Mr. Woden	1.6
To postage, &c.	4.6
To Boys	3.0
Towards Shoes	1.6

£1.11.1

FAMILIES OF MR. BIRD'S MEETING, NEW HAVEN¹

James Pierpont	Jos. Dorman	Moses Strong
Sam ^l . Munson	Jno. Woden	Enos Pardy
Sam. Bishop	Israel Dorman	Jos. Beecher
Dan ^l . Lyman	Jno. Gilbert	Eben ^r . Lines
Deac ⁿ . David Austin	Mat. Do.	Ed. Irish
Jno. Eliot	Thō. Killum	Jos. Thompson
Sam ^l . Mansfield	Michael Gilbert	David Gilbert
Hez. Sabin	Asa Todd	David Do.
Cha. Do.	Jabez Munson	James Do.
Phil. Wrexford	David Allen	Tho. Do.
Mr. Cook	Thos. Leek	—— Carpenter
Mr. Prout	Tim ^o . Do.	David Atwater
Ben. Humphreville	Nathan Beers	Mrs. Greenough
Tim ^o . Allen	Jer. Atwater	Jos. Munson
Yale Bishop	Col. Wooster	Sam ^l . Allen
Jos. Burroughs	Jam. Hitchcock	Wid. Woden
Doct. Mix	Jos. Do.	Michael Gilbert
Capt. Barns	Noah Potter	Cha. Allen
Capt. Wilmot	Enos Do.	Ben. Dorman
Steph. Austin	Jno. Hatch	Tho. Parker
Nathan Dummer	Abm. Tompson	Ezek. Hotchkiss
James Tuttle	Sam ^l . Austin	Capt. Talmadge
Capt. Dorchester	Doct. Rhodes	Tim ^o . Talmadge
Mr. Jones	Caleb Bradly	Job Bishop
—— Dorchester	Tim ^o . Gorham	Mary Attwater

¹ The Fair Haven Society, now included in the United Society.

—— Do.	Jn ^o . Do.	Jos. Densly
Eben. Burroughs	Obed. Hotchkiss	Medad Lyman
Enos Tuttle	Mrs. McNiel	—— Storer
Phin. Bradley	Arch ^d . Do.	Sol. Lewis
Griffin Do.	Jos. Wise	Bill Lyon
Josh. Hotchkiss, Jun.	Jon ^a . Mix	—— Cook
Caleb Do.	Jno. Do.	Steph. Johnson
Jno. Do.	Jer. Townsend	Tim ^o . Cooper
Hez. Do.	Eben ^r . Do.	Sam ^l . Chatterton
—— Dodge	Theop. Munson	Dame Gow
Lem. Hotchkiss	Zuriel Kimberly	—— Bates
Jud Thompson	Jno. Osborn	Isaac Turner
Isaac Bradley	Mrs. Tuttle	Aaron Potter
Hez. Do.	Jam. Blacksly	Jacob Turner
Jno. Wooden	Tilly Do.	Jn ^o . Potter
Sam ^l . Do.	Jno. Thompson	Jos. Potter
Ben. Do.	Jno. Bishop	Tim ^o . Do.
Israel Do.	David Do.	Wid. Basset
Nathan Alling	Enos Ball	Sol. Gilbert
Sam ^l . Do.	Sam ^l . Horton	
Jos. Woden	Eben ^r . Hull	

New Haven. From March, 1757, to Mar. 1758, Clearances, 168 Coasters, 53 Foreigners.—Mr. Fitches Dog, 14 mos. old, 3 feet long, 30 inches tall.—Inquire for College Weights of Mr. Phil. Wanton, and send them by Capt. Geo. Lease of Milford.—Meriden Meeting-house about 64 by 44.—A Susquehanna Right sold for £30. Proc.—Rec^d. 4 Dollars of Br. Leverett¹ to make a pepper Box.—Agree with Capt. Gardner, make Curtains & Bed Tick for Br. Leveret. . . —Mr. Bellamy told me there are but 2 Episc^o. Chhs. in Litchfield Co., one at Litchfield, one at New Milford, & that there are not 100 families in all Litchfield County.

Subscription for the printing two Sermons on the Death of Reverend Isaac Stiles by the Rev^{da}. Messrs. Theop. Hall & Chauncy Whittelsey.

Step. Goodyr.	3/	Ezra Stiles	20/
Sam ^l . Atwater	1/6	Isaac Stiles	10/
And ^w . Goodyear	2/	Ashbel Stiles	5/

¹ Dr. Leverett Hubbard (Yale 1744), of New Haven, eldest brother of Mrs. Stiles.

Dan. Carrinton	1/	Lemuel Bradly	10/
Jon ^a . Alling	2/	Jason Bradly	5/
James Ives	3/	Jon ^a . Ives	5/
Step. Cooper	3/	Jos. Pierpont	6/
Joel Do.	4/	Jno. Dolbear	5/
Sam ^l . Ives	20/	Eleazar Todd	5/
			£5.10.6

13 large Folios	}	My Books left at N ^o . Haven, June
2 sm. Do.		
20 Quartos		
62 Duod.		
		9, 1760.

Chh.¹ at Wallingford, 49 by 38. . .—The Man that lives on my Glassenbury Farm, says of the 369 acres, 70 at the West End are worth above £10 per Acre, the rest above £3. There are 4 Dwelling Houses upon it.—Mr. Elles² told me he had 137 families in his parish, Glassenbury.—Mr. Strong³ of Coventry told me he had 120 families in his parish. When he settled in 1745 he had 70 fam., since w^c. 20 have been annexed to Andover, so that they have doubled in 15 years.—Woodstock Meeting, 40 by 50.—. . Killingly about 100 Fam.; Thompson double; S^o. parish about 100.—Gloucester 12 Miles Square, mostly Baptists, a Baptist Meeting, a few Presbyt. Bapt. Meeting, 30 by 20; Gloucester Baptists no Singers.—. . Providence. Chh. 40 by 60, stands N. & S., E. & W. in Length. Do. Presb. 53 by 35, E. 1 p^t. N. Do. Bap^t. 30 by 40, as I am told. Do. Friends, 28 by 39. New Court House, 69 by 39. . .—Warren Meeting, 28 by 38.—Mr. Snow's Meeting at Providence, 30 by 70.

Sept. 15, 1760. Mr. Delany⁴ of Maryland told me there were 58,000 Taxables in that Province, & about 28,000 Militia, 14 Counties, 48 Episc. Parishes. But Mr. Kid of Philad^a. told me the week before that the white Taxables in Maryland were about 33,000; and this about a Third of the whole Taxables. Perhaps Mr. Kid meant 33,000 was 2 Thirds. N. B. Mr. Delany was one of the Council of the Prov. . . .

¹ i. e., the Episcopal church.

² Rev. John Eells (Yale 1755).

³ Rev. Nathan Strong (Yale 1742), minister of North Coventry.

⁴ Daniel Dulany, born 1721.

Oct. 10, 1760. COPY OF SUBSCRIPTION FOR NEW TOWNSHIP.

We the Subscribers engage each one for himself to settle within five years the Right each one shall be entituled to in a New Township in the Province of New Hampshire, whose Patent shall include our Names.

Charles Church	Jon ^a . Otis	John Butt
Jno. Landers	Nath ^l . Russel	Jos. Wilbour
Sam ^l . Yates } in	Abm. Dennis	Edw ^d . Simmans
James Cahoon } company	Edward Upham	Jno. Pitman
Jon ^a . Heath, Jun.	Ben. Ellery	Jon ^a . Simmans
Joseph Heath	Ben. Sherburn	Joshua Paul
Zephaniah Heath	Ben. Church	Jacob Stockman
Uriel Lyon	Isaac Dayton	Caleb Jefferies
Ezra Stiles	Joseph Howland	Jno. Heath
Isaac Stiles } of New	Arch ^d . Campbell	Uzziah Wilbur
Ashbel Stiles } Haven	Jno. Starnes	Alex. Bradford
Thos. Phipps Darrell	Elijah Weeden	Jonathan Heath
James Wesgates	Cornelius Dillingham	Wm. James
Jno. Treby	Jer. Phillips	Joseph Crandall
Rob ^t . Stevens		

[Inserted at later date:] These Names included in Charter for Killington,¹ dated July 7, 1761, Signed, Benning Wentworth.

. . Mr. Robbins of upper part of Ashford has a farm of 160 Acres—house & Orch^d. & about 30 Acres cleared Land. He will sell it for £200 Proc. He told me that Rights in New Taunton², opposite N^o. 3,³ on West side of Connect. River sold for £40.—Landlord—in Ashford last year bought farm & house 90 Acres, half brot to & excellent Land for £260.—A Blacksmith in Stafford told me that Land w^c a year ago sold for 40/ now sells for 20/, & that Land is on the fall.

. . New Hampton⁴ is West from the River between N^o. Hampton & Westfield & is a District of N^o. Hamp.—A *Precinct* has only Parish privileges about a Minister, &c.; but a *District* has all Town privileges, except chusing a Deputy. . . .

Extracts from the Diary of Rev^d. Edward Taylor,⁵ of Westfield, w^c. he kept from 1682 to 1714.

¹ Now Sherburne, Rutland County, Vt.

² Now Westminster, Vt.

³ Now Walpole, N. H.

⁴ Southampton, Mass.

⁵ The author's grandfather, born 1642; graduated at Harvard, 1671.

. . . 1705. On the 23d of July "one of the Gentlemen of the Council at York carried thither a monstrous *Tooth* that weighed *four pounds & three quarters*, said to be one of the great Teeth of a man, whole & sound on the Top but much decayed in its fangs, one of which being hollow contained *half a pint* of Liquor. It was dug out of a Bank or Hill that rose some 30 or 40 foot above the place, about 26 Miles below Albany, at a place called *Claverack*. They found another Tooth, that seemed to be a fore tooth that was *four fingers* broad; and dug up Bones that when they came to the Air turned to Dust, but one Bone they took up, judged a Thigh Bone of a man, *seventeen foot long*." The Diary adds, "This Acco^t. was given in B^o Weekly News Letter for the Week ending August."

In June, 1706, he has this further 'about the Giant. "On the 14th one Koon, a Dutchman, that came from Albany, brot to my house & shewed me another *Tooth* of the Monster buried at Claverack, like a Grinder Tooth with three Ridges on its Top & as hard as stone, the fangs much decayed. It was as big as a great Fist & weighed *two pounds & an ounce*. And he brought two pieces of another Bone conjectured to be of the Wrist, being about a third part of the Bone if split down in its Length. The perfect Bone looking like dull Olivant¹ was nigh an *Inch thick* and the porous inward part great. The Bone if it had had the other two parts joined to it would it is judged have been as big as the Calf of a Man's Leg of the biggest size. The Dutchman asserted that they took up a Bone judged to be the Knee Bone that was about a *foot* in its Diameter; and the place where the Bone lay was 25 paces long, according to which the Monster was judged above 60 or 70 foot high. The Indians flocking to see the monstrous Bones upbraided the Dutch with Unbelief in that they would not believe the Report of a monstrous person w^c. they had told them from their Fathers, viz. that about 240 years ago there was a monstrous person as high as the Tops of the Pine Trees, that would hunt Bears till they took the Trees, & then would catch them with his Hands, and would go into the River 12 or 14 feet deep and catch 3 or 4 or 5 Sturgeons at a time & Broil them on the Fire for his food. The 17th day two other Dutchmen brought another Tooth as big again that weighed *Five pounds*; it had three Furrows on the Top

¹ An old form of *elephant*, used here in the sense of *ivory*.

four ridges. ." Extracted from the original Manuscript, Oct. 20, 1760, in Westfield.

Uncle Eldad adds about the Giant that he remembers hearing his Father conversing about it with the Dutchmen, & that the Tradition among the Inds. was that the Giant "was peaceable & would not hurt the little Indians", and that the little Inds. would give him meat to eat & he would receive it kindly; tho they said they always was afraid of him. They however want afraid of him when they approached him with a piece of meat or food, w^c he would take without hurting them. He would knock the Bears off the Trees with his fist or a Club. . . . When the Indians first saw Vessels passing in the Sound off against Paucatuck, they said at first it was *Weetucks* a coming again. . . .

They told me at Deacon Ives' in New Cambridge¹ that they had a Chapel & about a dozen Chh. Families in that parish. And that 16 Acres of good Land an Acre of Orchard, brot to, sold two years ago for £64. proc. in that place. . . .

Oct^r. 21, 1760. The compact part of the Town of Hartford about a mile long, the Court House in the center. The lower Story of the Courthouse is transpierced with a Colnade of six Pillars of the Ionic order. . . .

Mr. Thos. Howel's opinion that more Goods imported at N. Haven fr. N. York the last year, than from the year 1742 to 1752. Mr. Chandler² judges the last year's Importation about £25,000. Y. M. & that N. H. Merch^{ts}. are indebted £20,000 at N. York.

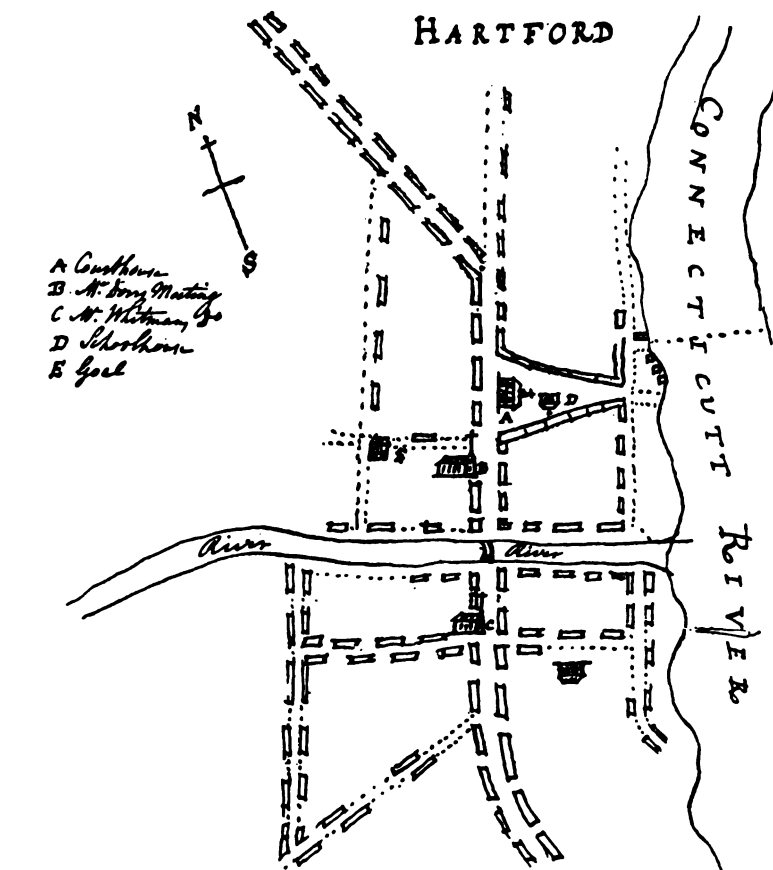
The Library of the Rev^d. Isaac Stiles, apprizd by the Revnd. Chauncy Whittelsey. . . . Total Am^t. £11.8.8. . . .

New Haven, Oct. 31, 1760. I left Acco^t. of my Education with the Court of Probates—which amounted as follows for

¹ Elnathan Ives, of what is now Bristol, Conn.

² Joshua Chandler, Yale 1747.

Oct. 21. 1760

Half a Mile
40 80 120 160

					oz. pwt. gr.
Ist year, 1743 ..	£29.18. 8	mean price of silver	31/	per oz.	19.11.14
IIId, 1744 ..	46.14.11	"	"	33/	28. 6. 0
IIIId, 1745 ..	43.12. 8	"	"	36/	24. 4. 9
IVth, 1746 ..	102. 5. 0	"	"	42/	48. . .
	£222.11. 3				120. 1.23

Silver 29/ at Beginning of the 4 years & 47/ at End—
mean for 4 y. 38/ which gives 117 ounces—@ 6/8 £38.10
Silver 29/ at Beginning & 45/ at End gives mean 37/
which gives 120 ounces @ 6/8 £40.

To be deducted a young Mare £8. and a Cow £4, w^c.
 my Father received of Grandfather Taylor's Estate as
 my Guardian £12.
 Remains to be allowed for my Education £28.
 Add £20. rec^d. 1748 for Buttery Exch.

Chh.¹ at N^o. Haven, 38 by 30, erected April, 1760. . . .

My Father the Rev^d. Isaac Stiles was bro't up a Weaver. In one Day he tied in a piece into the Loom & wove out 14 yards. . . . Grandfather Jno. Stiles of Windsor had 2 Wives, Ruth Bancroft, & Widow Sarah Rumrill. By the latter had no Children. By the former had 14 children; of which 5 Sons lived to be married and 3 Daughters—viz. *Ruth*, who married Nath. Taylor, *Jno.*, *Margaret*, who married Jos. Peck of Tolland, *Isaac*, *Eben^r.*, *Noah* & *Abel*, *Hannah* who married Isaac Heydon.

When Grandfather Jno. Stiles was buried at N^o. Haven, May, 1753, my Father said at the Grave, this was the 7th parental Funeral he had attended—2 Wives of his Father, Mr. Jno. Stiles; the fathers & mothers of his 2 Wives; & my grandfather afores^d. . .

Nov. 2, 1760. I kept Sabb. at N^o. Haven & baptized Esther Hooker, Daught. of Brother Ashbel, & Chauncy, Son of Br. Bradly.—Old Meeting House, N^o. Haven, 30 by 40. . . .

Nov. 4. Set out on Return for Newport with Whitehead Hubbard.² Joynt Expenses:

At N. H. Ferry		£0. 0. 4
Guilford, Dinner, &c.		1. 10
5 Ferry, Saybrook		1. 4
Nihantic do.		4
N. Lond., Oats, &c.		9
Ferry		8
6 Hill's		1. 4
Ferries		2. 6
Add		8
		9. 9
½		4. 10
Traveling Expenses, in going		17. 2
In returning		4. 10
		£1. 2. 0

¹ i. e., St. John's Episcopal Church.

² Stephen Whitehead Hubbard (Yale Coll. 1766), a son of Mrs. Stiles's brother, Dr. Leverett Hubbard, of New Haven. Dr. Stiles prepared him for College.

Nov. 21, 1760. There are 6 Townships, 8 m. sq. (except Windham), 100 Proprietors—Granted by Col. Lydius—three of w^c are laid out below Fort Edward, & range on Hudson's River:—80 Miles, 9 Partners or Poghkeepsy. Granted to Deverge 3 Townships, one of w^c laid out, viz. middle one of the three on Hudson's R. Thos. Young,¹ of Kent, one not laid out. Doty of Sharon, Surveyor & Partner wth. Young.

Oct. 29, 1760. Was made Two large Draughts of Menhaden at Newport, viz. above 250 Barrels; and A. D. 1756 at one Draught were caught above 430 Barrels. I was told this by the Fishermen.

Jer. Gardner of Nantucket has the Jaw Bone of a Giant.

Col. Lydius' Father's Patent about 40 y. ago. said to be confirmed by the Crown.—Nine Partners² 14 m. from Poughkeepsy.—Mr. Delaverge, of Nine Partners, weighed Eliz^a. Hayt, of s^d. place, of 19 y. age, & she weighed 432 Pounds; judged her about 6 feet high nearly. Eben^r. Nap's Wife has been measured above seven feet high. Mr. Delaverge lives at the south part of 9 Partners, against Kent & New Milford.

Mem^o.—Please send to Mr. Benj^a. Ellery, of Newport, Copy of Mr. Lydius' Patent from the Crown, & Col. Lydius' Patent to the Proprietors of the Township of De La Vergne. And to bargain for Two Rights in sd. Township, viz. in the Third Pitch. If Dr. La Vergne is concerned in any new Townships where a Propriety can be had for 15 or 20/ Y. Money, ask the Favor of him to insert in the Patents or Leases the Names of Benj^a. Ellery, Esq^r., & Ezra Stiles of Newport, in the County of Newp^t. & Col^o. of Rh. Id. & Prov. Plant., for each a Right.

This Mem^o. dd. to Mr. Benj^a. Delavergne of the 9 Partners, Nov. 21, 1760. [In later hand, But heard nothing of it.] . . .

¹ See Memoir in vol. XI of *Publications* of the Colonial Society of Massachusetts.

² A tract of land in Dutchess County, N. Y., contained in the present townships of Amenia, Clinton, Stanford, and Washington.

Extract from Letter, Henry Price of Cambridge to his B^r., Robert Stevens of Newport—received Nov. 26, 1760.

—As to the Lands—I will spare you some in both Townships as they lie together.—You may have *four* Rights in *New Concord*, 450 acres per Right or thereabouts, for £150. our old Tenor per Right. The Taxes that has been paid to lay it out in 100 acre Lots has amounted it to this Price out of my Pocket. Our Price is now £200. per Right to any body, without conveying all the privileges of the Town, which I shall do to you if you buy any of me. Likewise five Rights in Hereford, which will be 100 per Right. That Town is not laid out into Lots yet. If you think it will do, you shall have the deeds when you will, & pay any Time in six Months, only your Note.

I should not care that you should dispose of them to any Body, or at most but one, under the Privileges of the Town as original Proprietors, for we intend to keep that in as few hands as possible. So I remain your &c.

HENRY PRICE.

Right in Concord, £150 = 66½ doll. = £ 20. Proc.

Do. Hereford 100 = 44½ do. = 13.10.0 Proc.

N. B. Lands in Pensylvania £15. per hundred Acres.

IN ANSWER TO MR. PRICE'S LETTER.

Newport, 15 Jan. 1761.

Sir,

I propose to keep two Rights in the Township of Concord for myself, & to dispose of the other Two to two other persons; but they insist on all the privileges of the Town. There is another Thing we want to be informed of before we conclude the purchase, that is, in what manner the Lots or Chances for the Rights fall: whether they are determined & set off as you please, or by ballotting & drawing as is the Custom in all new Townships, so that each one stands an equal chance for the Goodness of the Land. Another Thing also, whether there be any public Lots for the Ministry, School, & first settled Minister—as this will be necessary to induce Settlers, & consequently a Right not so valuable without this provision as with it. Please to inform of these Things by the first opportunity, & then I shall determine. As to the Township of Hereford, chuse to let that lie for the present, till can have oppor-

tunity to look out; & if can engage settlers, shall incline to take part there also. I am

Your &c.

ROB. STEVENS.

FRIENDS' MEETINGS, A. D. 1760

So. Kingston	1	100 Families	Dartmo.	3
Charlest ^o .	1	30	Rochester	1
So. Westerly	1	} 100	Sandwich	1
No. do.	1		Scituate	1
Richmond	1	30	Nantucket	1
Greenwich	1	120	Amesbury	
Shanticut	1	50	Boston	1 15
Smithfield	1	50	Freetown	1 30
Provid.	1	30	Swanzy	1 30
Warwick	1	50	Taunton	1
Tiverton	1	70	Salem	1 50
Little Compton	1	25	Lynn	1 30
Portsmo.	1	150	Hanover	1
Newport	1	200	Hampton	1
Jamest ^o .	1	40	Dover	1
			Mendon	1
			Falm ^o .	1
	15	1045		

Nov. 29, 1760. ON THE NUMBER OF INDIANS IN N^o. AMERICA.

Last winter (1760) the Mickmacs & others in Nova Scotia came in & submitted to his Britannic Majesty, at Chicknecto or fort Cumberland. The commanding Officer's Letter, giving an Acco^t. of it, mentioned that they submitted for themselves & others—in all, as I remember, to about 3,000: yet a Gentleman going for Europe reported at Bristol in England, that this Body of Indians was 10,000.

This War the Number of Warriors with the Army on the Rout of Crownpoint has not exceeded 800, seldom more than 500 and in the Campaigns of 1755 & 1759 not above 200. At the Reduction of *Niagara*, 1759, were at once 950 Indian Warriors, our Allies of the Six Nations; & it was said that this Body was increased to 1000.

In Carolina paper, Oct., 1760, is said, "on the 26th of last Month—at *Nookase*—there was a Meeting of near 2000 Cherokees, about 1400 of whom were men." If this be true, I take it to

have been truly the largest Assembly of the Natives held this War.

Jan. 2. 1761. REV^d. EDWARD TAYLOR'S ESTATE IN VIRGINIA IN 1691.

I find among Grandfather Taylor's Papers a Letter he wrote to a certain Gentleman, whether at Boston or in Virginia don't appear, whom he stiles *Colonel*. The Letter is dated, Westfield, Nov. 19, 1691: it is bound up in a Book called *Zion's Plea agt. Prelacy*. I take it to have been wrote to a Gentleman in Virginia. In it he says a near Kinsman of his, on his "Return from his visiting me by Land into Virginia—detained at N. York, & siezed on by Death at Major Wm. Merit's at the Fresh Water in N. York." A small Plantation "is fallen unto me & mine who are the next of kin to him in America, & near of blood to him as any in the World, he being mine own Sister's only Child, left both by Father & Mother, & having none by Father's side either Uncle or Aunt. Wherefore I have made Administration upon his Estate & am invested with the Right of Inheritance & made his next Heir by a Letter of Administration granted me by Major Ingolsby, Commander in Chief of the Prov. of N. York."¹ . . .

Again in the Heb. Græc. Test. I find a Power of Att^o. from my Grandfather to "the Worshipful Sam. Sewall of Boston", giving him power to seize & take into possession "on my Behalf" a certain Plantation consisting of an "*Hundred Acres* of Land lying upon *Back River* in old *Paquoson* in *Virginia*, being the adjacent Plantation to the Worshipful *Thos. Withe's*. The which Plant. was the lawful Estate & Possession of Mr. *William*, by him purchased & enjoyed and at his Death descended to myself as his next & lawful heir by Blood". N. B. It is spelt William, not Williams.

Jan. 26, 1761. Mr. Arch^d Campbell, Merch^t., of Newport, & self numbered 84 Shops in Town & judged about 90 exclusive of Hucksters' Shops. We counted 20 Stores.

90 Shops @ £1000. ster. mean	£90,000
20 Stores @ £2000	40,000

¹ This is on file in the Surrogate's Office, New York City, under date of Oct. 16, 1691,—the name of the decedent being William Arms.

About $\frac{2}{3}$ of a Shop's Goods sold per ann., i. e., £80,000 ster., of w^c one Third consumed in Town & Two Thirds out. Towns trading at Newport are, Middleto', Portsmo', Tiverton, Little Compton, Dartmouth, Freetown, Taunton, Swanzey, Kingston, Narragansett, Volentown, Canterbury.

I think there were 60 Shops on the main Street, & Mr. Heatly's (near Mr. Brenton's) made the 40th from the upper End.

We estimated the Town including Buildings, Furniture, Plate, Goods, Navigation, &c. at about 9 or 10 Millions Old Tenor. About $\frac{1}{3}$ of the Wealth among Chhmen., which consist of 200 families. There may be 1200 fam. in Town & 1100 Polls taxed. Of the 1200 fam. 1000 at a mean may be worth £2000, which makes 2 million—the other 8 Million in 200 fam., which at a mean may be worth £40,000 each. There may be 20 Fam. worth £100,000 apiece; and 2 of £500,000 or £20,000 ster. apiece; several of 150 & 200,000 Old Tenor. By public Valuation the whole Colony of Rhode Island is worth about One Million sterling, of which Newport is about a sixth part.

In 1760 the provincial Officers of the 4 New England Gov^{ts}. in Behalf of themselves & the provincials sent home a subscribed petition forwarded by Gen. Amherst, to procure 40 Miles sqr. between Crownp^t. & Connect. River on Otter River. If this is granted, all the Soldiers raised in the 4 Gov^{ts}. during the War may have shares, unless it should be appropriated to those enlisted this Campaign. Those raised this Campaign were for Massachusetts I think 5000, Connect. 4000, Rhode Island 1000, Hampshire 800. Total about 10,000. The Officers' Shares, as they will doubtless draw more than the privates, may amount to 2000 more. The 40 miles sqr. will be 1,024,000 acres; w^c. divided by 12,000 gives about 80 acres per share. If divided by 10,000, gives about 100 acres. But if the whole be divided among all raised during the War, may amount to 20,000, w^c reduces a share to 50 acres. It may do to give a Dollar per Right. . . .

FEB. 15, 1761. NUMB. OF INHAB. IN NOVA SCOTIA, 1760

Halifax, founded	1748	1000 Fam.
Lunenburg, alias Marlegash	1753	200
Liverpool (Port Senior)	1760	40

Annapolis	1710	30
Fort Cumberland	1755	100
Horton	1760	170
Cornwallis (Canard)	1760	70
East Falmouth	1760	40
West Do.	1760	70
Falmo'	1760	3
Dublin (La Have)	1760	10
Chester in Mahone Bay	1760	25
		1758
		5
	Total	8790 Souls
Total Fam. arrived A. D. 1760		
For 4 Minas Towns	350	— 1700 Souls
For 3 other Towns	<u>75</u>	perhaps <u>375</u>
	425	2075

Mr. Breynton of Halifax wrote to the Society,¹ Dec. 8, 1755, that the Inhab. of Halifax did not then exceed 1300. Hence not above 250 Fam. in 1755.

Hence in 1760 perhaps in Halifax	2000 Souls
Settled in Nova Scotia in 1760	2075
In all Nova Scotia besides	<u>1665</u>
Total of the Province in 1760	5740

[A later memorandum of Dr. Stiles, from information by the Hon. Alex. Grant, is as follows:

ESTIMATE INHAB. NOVA SCOTIA, Nov. 9, 1764		
	No. Souls	No. Fam.
Halifax - - - -	3000	
Lunenburg	1600	300
Liverpool	500	
Annapolis County	1000	
Ft. Cumberland Do.	750	
Horton	670	
Cornwallis	518	
Falmouth	278	
Newport	251	
Dublin	100	
Chester	100	
Cobequid	400	
Barrington	300	

¹ For the Propagation of the Gospel.

Yarmouth	150	
Dispensed along the Coast, say	<u>383</u>	
	10,000	Exclusive of Louisbourg & St. John's Island
River St. John's	400	
French Accadians still in the Province, about	<u>2600</u>	
	13,000	
Indians about 700 Fighting Men]		

Mr. Ellis tells me that about 4 y. ago he rode with a man in Dartmo' who told him that he assisted at an assessm^t. of that Town 2 y. before when there were about 800 fam. (Dartmo' 20 by 14)—Of these Mr. Ellis judges Bapt. & Presbyt. not above 200. So 600 Quakers. Sandwich 30 fam. Quakers.

COST OF SETTLING NEW TOWNSHIP.

Sept. 24, 1760. Roxbury Canada¹ Propriet. voted £80. L. M. on the 60 Settlers' Rights as a Settlement for Mr. Lemuel Hedge. Also £60. Salary to be raised on said Settlers' Rights for 5 y. (viz. 20/ per Right) annually. Voted £9 (viz. 3/ per Right) for Charges of Ordination. There had been a former Assessment of 36/ per Right. . . .

AN ESTIMATE OF THE NUMBERS OF QUAKERS & BAPTISTS IN NEW ENGLAND, 1760.

In Rhode Island are 300 fam. Episc. & 700 Presbyt. & 15 Jews & as many Moravians. These together might make 6000 or 7000 in 1755. The Census of Whites that year was 36,000, from w^c. deduct the above, there remains 30,000 or 29,000 for Friends & Baptists. The Friends tell me the Baptists the largest half. Perhaps the Friends 14,000 & Baptists 15,000. The annual increase on 33,000 (or A. D. 1755 32000) is 1000; so in 5 y. the 29,000 must be augmented by 5000 to 34,000. There are 600 fam. of Friends in Dartmouth & about 4000 souls of Friends in Nantucket, & about

¹ Afterwards Warwick, Franklin County, Mass.

500 fam. in all N. E. besides—1100 fam. @ 6 gives 6600 souls, added to 4000 makes 10,600 Friends out of this Colony.

There are about 870 fam. of Baptists out of this Colony, @ 6 are 5220.

Friends in Rh. I. in 1755	- -	14,000
Incr. by 1760		2,413
		16,413
Out of the Colony		10,600
		27,013
Baptists in Rh. I., 1755	- -	27,000
Incr. by 1760		15,000
		2,587
		17,587
Out of the Colony		5,220
		23,807
Episc. in Rh. I., 1760	- -	24,000
Out of the Colony		1,800
		10,800
		12,600
	- -	13,000
		64,000

Mr. Jacobs tells me he does not estimate the Friends in this Colony above a tenth of the Inhabitants. Not above 3500.

A. D. 1742, there were 41,000 male Polls in the Province of Mass., which imply 164,000 Inhab. By 1767 they may amount to 300,000. The ratio of Increase makes them 275,000 by A. D. 1760, and 238,000 by A. D. 1755, and it is said their Census that year was upwards of 230,000.

Connecticut was 133,000, A. D. 1755. The Ratio of Increase makes them 155,000 by A. D. 1760.

Rhode Island was 36,000, A. D. 1755. The Ratio of Increase makes them 42,000.

Mass.	275,000
Conn.	155,000
Rh. I.	42,000
N. Hamp.	35,000
	507,000
	62,000
	445,000
	Congregationalists

We are, A. D. 1760, at an annual Increase of at least 15000.

507,000: 15,000:: 445,000: 13,165 Presb. or Congr. So that more were born last year than all Episc. in N. England.

EXTRACTS FROM REV^d. MR. JNO. CALLENDER'S MSS., FEB. 12, 1761.

A. D. 1651 were 43 Chhs. (I suppose Congr.) & 7750 Members. The Synod 1637 consisted of 25 Ministers. 26 Bands of Soldiers in 1644 in the Massachusets. 5000 to 3000 Narragansets, besides the Pequots, Massasoits & Massachusets, &c. Mr. Williams says a dozen Ind. Towns in 20 Miles of Providence (about 1643).

Mr. Thos. Stanton & his son Robert say the Narraganset Sachems had to their Knowledge 2000 fighting Men & 900 Arms. . . .

PRESBY ^t . IN THIS COLONY, A. D. 1760		
Newport	2 Cong ^t .	230 Fam.
Little Compton . . .	1	100
Tiverton	1	50
Bristol	1	85
Warren	1	50
Provid.	2	120
Westerly	1	30
S ^o . Kingston	1	30
At the Gore	0	50
		745 Fam.
		6
		4470 Souls
Friends, accord ^d . to Mr. Jacobs		3500
Episc., 300 Fam.		1800
		9,770
Total Inhab. for 1760, perhaps		41,000
		30,230
Moravians, Jews, &c.		2,000
Baptists		28,000

. . . Mar. 5, 1761. ON BILL OF MORTALITY, 1760.

There died, according to a List I kept A. D. 1760, Inhab. of Newport 215 (of which 40 Blacks, half, *i. e.*, 20, Negro Infants), Adults being 136, of w^c but 8 under 20 Æt. Male Adults 66, female 70; Children under 14 Æt., 79, of w^c. as said 20 Blacks. Died at

sea 26 or 30. Of sm.-pox 8, of w^c 4 at sea. Total Infants of not exceeding a year, 61.

FRIENDS IN A. D. 1760

	Meetings	Fam.
Boston	1	20 or 12
Lynn	1	40
Salem	1	60 or 50
Amesbury	1	30
Mendon	1	30 or 40
Sandwich	1	50
Falmo'	1	
Freetown	1	20
Swanzy	1	40
Hanover }	1	30
Scituate }		
Rochester	0	20
Hampton	1	30
Dover	1	40
Somersworth	1	100
Berwick	1	30
	14	540
Dartmouth	3 }	400
Newtown	1 }	
Nantucket	1	.. 4000 Souls
	5	
Maryconeag	1	12
Small Point }		
Casco }	1	14
Newbury	1	20
New Milford	1	8
Taunton	1	8
	5	62

Discourse with Timothy Waterhouse,¹ Mar. 9, 1761

BAPTISTS IN 1760

Boston	2 Meetings	60 Fam.
Bellingham	1	40
Brimfield	1	40
Sutton	1	40
Leicester	1	40

¹ of Newport.

Mendon	1	40
Springfield	1	25
Harwich	1	40
Middleboro' ...	2	50
Dartmouth	0	80
Swanzy	3	150
Rehoboth	2	100
Sturbridge	1	40
N. Lond.	1	20
Groton	1	20
Lyme	1	20
	19	805
		6
		4830

Estimated by Mr. Upham.¹

Rev^d. Mr. Comer in 1731 in his Letter to Mr. Abdiel Edwards at Dublin reckoned of the Baptists in N. Eng. 3 Particular Chhs., Boston, Newport, Swanzy, &c.

Particular Chhs. }		3
General }	New Eng.	13
Sabbatarian }		2
Jersies—Partic.		11
N ^o . Carolina, do.		1
S ^o . Carolina, do.		1
Virginia, do.		1

32 Chhs.

Yet these with Springfd. Mr. Callender says that Mr. Comer reckoned 35 Chhs.; to which Mr. Comer added 4 Sabb. Chhs. in Jersies. Total 39 Chhs. in America of all denom. of Baptists. And the number of Communicants in all he makes to be about 2330 . . . Extracts from Mr. Callender's MSS.

. . . May 18, 1761. Gov. Hopkins told me that at Congress 1754 Col. Chandler² said that A. D. 1742 the polls of Massachusetts were about 42,000, & Col. Chandler judged them not increased by 1754, allow^d. for the Loss of Towns annexed to Connect., Rh. Island & New Hampshire.

¹ Rev. Edward Upham (Harvard 1734), of Newport.

² John Chandler (1693-1762), of Worcester, Mass.

. . . The Town of Brookline about 45 fam., not so many now as 60 y. ago.

. . Mr. Ben. Church, B^o., told me about 2100 Polls in Boston, 1761.—Mr. Checkley's Meeting, 60 by 55; Mr. Pemberton's, 73 by 50; Dr. Cutler's, 62 by about 50; Mr. Cooper's, 72 by 52¹ . . .

Seaconck or Rehoboth Town planted on a Circle about a Mile in Diameter. About 30 Houses on the Circle: perhaps 40 . .

JOURNEY TO BOSTON, &C., MAY, 1761

- May 18. Set out from Newport—passed Bristol—lodged at Mr. Townsend's, Warren.
19. Dined at Stearns'. Lodged at Dr. Ames', Dedham.
 20. Rode into B^o. Dined at Mr. Dering's; visited Dr. Chauncy, & rode to Cambridge. Lodged at Mr. Danforth's.
 21. Dined at Mr. Goff's. Half after 3 o'clock P. M., rode to Marblehead. Lodged at Capt. Watts'.
 22. At 10 o'clock A. M. rode to Salem—With Mr. King visited the Town, dined at Mr. King's, & at about 3 P. M. crossed the Ferry to Beverly. Lodged at Newbury.
 23. Rode to Greenland & dined at Mr. McClintoc's. Went to Mr. Havens', Portsm^o. Arrived with Mr. Lankton to his house in York.
 24. Preached & kept Sabb. with Mr. Lancton, York, 2d Parish.
 25. Rode with Mr. Lankton to Mr. Lyman's, Old York—Dined at Portsm^o. Visited Mr. Langdon. Lodged at Hampton falls. Visited Col. Wear & talked about Hales T^o.
 26. Breakfasted at Newbury. Dined at Ipswitch lower Parish. At ½ after 3 o'clock passed ferry into Salem. Lodged Charlest^o.

¹ Rev. Samuel Checkley (Harvard 1715) was pastor of the New South Church; Rev. Ebenezer Pemberton (Harvard 1721), of the Brick Church; Rev. Timothy Cutler (Harvard 1701), of Christ Church; and Rev. Samuel Cooper (Harvard 1743), of the Brattle Street Church.

Benjamin Church was the well-known writer, convicted of treason in 1775.

27. To B°. at Election. Dined at Mr. Townsend's. Mr. Stevens of Kittery preached.
 28. At Convention about 50 Ministers. Dined Dr. Chauncy's. Mr. Parkman preached.
 29. Dined at Mr. Robins'. Visited Mr. Eliot, &c. Lodged at Mr. Aspinwal's, Brooklyn.
 30. Rode to Providence. 31. Preached there.
- June 1. Returned to Newport.

Mr. Whitfield informed his Cong. in London that B° in America had suffered £100,000. ster. by the Fire; that he had formerly collected £1200. ster. for Charity; that Feb. 13 he should preach & collect for them & Protestants in Brandenburg. Accordingly he collected £550. ster. Also, £100. ster. remitted to the sufferers by hands of Mr. Thos. Green from a Gent. in Bristol in England. . .

Episc. Chh. Cambr. 58 by 39. Bell 30 Inc. Diam. Brim. . .
 Camb. Meeting, 66 by 52. do. Courthouse, 38 by 37. . . .

Mr. Man tells me that S° Parish, Wrentham, made A. D. 1730 consisted of 30 & under 40 fam., and now A. D. 1760 he judges above 160 Fam.—In N°. Precinct, Norton, 24 y. ago met in a Dwelling house when first set off, now above 100 Fam.—Mr. Man says in K. Philip's War there were but Eight Fam. in Wrentham, & now 360 Fam. In that Time more gone out than settled in Town.—He says he remembers & knew the Eight Houses in w°. lived the 8 Fam. . . Mr. Man's Father¹ was Minister I think he said 48 years. Mr. Man appears to be about Æt. 65.—Dr. Ames says about 6 Fam. Episc. in Dedham.— . . . Wild Land in Dedham £3. Proc. Best, £10.—Dedham Meeting House I measured 38 ft. sqr. I judge Chh. 25 ft. sqr.—Dr. Ames says but about 100 Fam. in Mr. Haven's Parish.—I measured the Chapel, B°, about 77 feet long—55 wide.—Dr. Sewall's, 80 ft. long as I measured. I judge 55 ft. wide.—Trinity, 58 wide, 74 long. . . —50 by 45, Hight 20 from Cell to Eaves, Rev^d. Mr. Apthorp's Seat, Cambr. . . .

¹Samuel Man (Harvard 1665), pastor from 1672 to 1719.

PLACES OF PUB. WORSHIP IN PROVIDENCE

Mr. Snow's C.	100 Fam.
Mr. Winslow's . . . B.	50
Mr. Graves E. under	40
Vacant C.	30
Friends	15
	235

There are 400 Fam. in Town. . . .

A man living in Chester in N. Hampshire says 50 Dollars price of Rights in New Towns. He gave for 80 acres wild but good Land in Chester £1200. or £15. per acre.—Mr. Allen of Chester agrees to sell me a *free* Right in New Chester or Perry's Town¹ for 40 Dollars, & to leave Word with Mr. Noyes of Salisbury. . . .

Dartmouth, Quakers	600 fam.
Bapt.	100
Presb.	200
	900

. . Mr. Langdon² tells me that Saco Tribe is extinct; and that there is not an Indian in the Prov. of N. Hampshire. —

I think Col. (Father) Hubbard³ told me that there were but 2 or 3 Ind. fam. in Darby.

. . . May 30, 1761. Fell in Company with Lemuel Boyden of Medfield, a Lieut. in the Mass. Provincial Service, who told that the King had granted a Tract of Land to the Soldiers in the Action at Lake George under Gen. Johnson A. D. 1755—which Tract he understood to be on the West side of Connect. River, a little below Coos. He said it had been published in B°. Prints about half a year since, and that he himself was an *Ensign* in that Campaign, & in the s^d. Action was entituled to a Right in the Grant, which he said was free of Quitrent. He sold s^d. Right to me at Dr. Ames'

¹ Now the town of Hill, N. H.

² Rev. Samuel Langdon, of Portsmouth, N. H., afterwards President of Harvard College.

³ John Hubbard, of New Haven, father of Mrs. Stiles.

at Dedham for 2 Dollars, which I paid him down, & draughted a short deed w^c. he took & promised to execute & deliver into the hands of the Rev^d. Mr. Jon^a. Townsend of Medfield; & he gave me a Rec^t. inclusive of that promise.

[Added later,] Nothing. _____.

. . . Mr. Davenport,¹ Æt. 70, told me that Mr. Jno. Bennet, who died about A. D. 1725, about Æt. 80, told him that when the English purchased Canonicut there were 700 Bowmen upon it.

Mr. Davenport told me that Old Major Coddington, Grandfather of the present Clerk Coddington, told him about 40 y. ago that when he first settled, the Mouth of the Prison Brook in Newport was so deep that Boats of 7 Cord came up East of the Main Street & unloaded. . . .

July 4, 1761. Rev^d. Mr. Langdon of Piscataqua told me that Mr. Secr. Atkinson told him that the Total of Polls for the Province of New Hampshire returned to the Assembly in May last was about 9000. . . .

Mr. Jno. Merrit, Merch^t., educated in Spain, lived at Alicant, Port Mahone, London, B^o., N. York, Providence.—Mr. Merrit's Seat a Mile out of Providence.

. . Marblehead. Mr. Barnard's Meet^g., 65 by 44; Mr. Brod-street's, 52.

Mr. Rogers' Cong., Ipswitch, & Mr. Walley's, above 200 fam. each.—Mr. Chipman, Beverly, 60 fam. 47 y. ago, now above 100, & many moved away.—Mr. Jackson of Brookline told me he had not above 45 families.—Meet^g. at Hampton falls, 42 by 38.—At N^o. Hampton, 60 by 42, measured.—I judge at Greenland 60 by 40; where Mr. McClintoc has about 120 fam. . . .

Rev^d. Mr. Eliot, B^o., told me that the Episc. were estimated at not a Quarter of the Town; and reckoning about 2000 fam. in Town, they were not above 500, nor so many. He judged

¹Ebenezer Davenport, Sr., of Newport.

Chapel	150 fam.
Dr. Cutler	100
Trinity	250
Dr. Chauncy	150 fam.
Dr. Mayhew	150
Mr. Eliot	300
Mr. Cooper	280
Dr. Sewal's }	200
& Cumming's ¹ }	

I think Mr. Cumming told me he thot his Meeting hardly 200. . . .

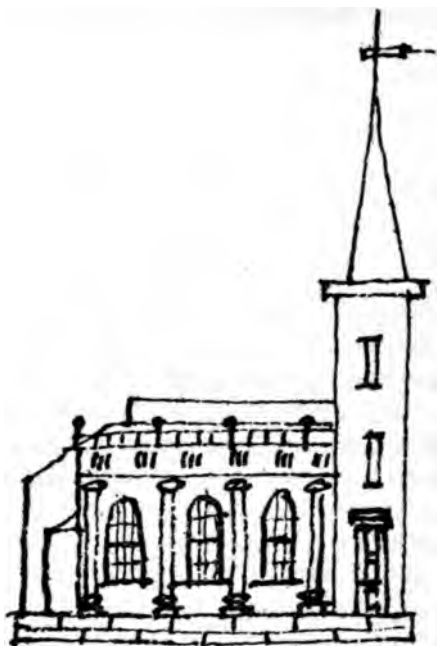
Mr. Lyman² in 1754 counted the Inhab. of York 1600 Souls & more. He judges 300 families.—At Portsm^o. about 30 support the Missionary & about 50 fam. attendants: told by a Portsm^o. Gent. But one other Chh. erect^d., viz., between Nottingham & Barrington.—Chh. at Portsmouth judged about 40 by 35.—Chh. building of stone at Schenactady above Albany, 40 by 35.—Mr. Langdon says about 50 or 60 fam. Episc^o. in Portsm^o., and about 30 Signers in Nottingham & Barrington for Itin. Missionary.—Mr. Langdon says his Meet^d. consists of about 200 Fam., not more, & Mr. Havens as many. About 10 y. ago he reckoned not much above 300 fam. & houses in Portsm^o; now, A. D. 1761, he estimates them at between 4 & 500 houses & Families. . . Another Man estimated the Houses in Portsm^o. at 5 & 600.—About 20 fam. in *Hales Town*³, & more in *Starkey*⁴, T^o. adjoyning. About 220 Acres to a Right, i. e., 2 Lots, one 100 acres, tother 120.—Rights in Hales T^o. fell 40 to 50 Dollars. . .—An Amesbury Man told me 15 fam., Chh. in the 2d Precinct.—Told at Tavern at Newbury that 30 fam. Episc. in Newbury, & these with those at Amesbury, &c., about 40, not exceed^d 50 fam. 2 Chhs., one in Town & tother 2½ Mile off. The distant fam. lately applied to the Society for a Missionary, but the Society

¹The first three in this enumeration are Episcopal churches,—King's Chapel, Christ, and Trinity. Dr. Charles Chauncy (Harvard 1721) was pastor of the 1st Church; Dr. Jonathan Mayhew (Harvard 1744), of the West church; Rev. Andrew Eliot (Harvard 1737), of the New North Church; Rev. Samuel Cooper (Harvard 1743), of the Brattle Street Church; and Dr. Joseph Sewall (Harvard 1707) and Rev. Alexander Cumming, of the Old South.

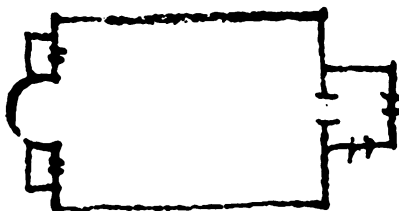
²Rev. Isaac Lyman, Yale Coll. 1747.

³Now Weare, New Hampshire.

⁴Now Dunbarton.



*Episc^o. CHH. at CAMBRIDGE.
Spire not erected in 1761.*



*First-assembled in for divine
Worship in the Hall of 1761.*

only put them under Mr. Bass¹ for present; this disoblged several families who returned to the Congregationalists. . . .

¹ Rev. Edward Bass (Harvard 1744), Episcopal missionary in Newburyport, and subsequently Bishop of Massachusetts.

A. D. 1758, in the List of the Freemen of Newport it was judged that Mr. Ward¹ would have 290 Votes, viz., of the Baptists 62, of the Friends 67, of the Episcop. 50, Presbyt. 111; so that the Presbyt. Int. for him was above one third of his whole Int. in Town, & equal to Episc. & Friends together.—I suppose about 600 freemen in Town; about 400 vote, and one third lie still, silenced by Connexions. . . . —Before the Regulation of the Proxies in Rh. Isld. the voters never exceeded 1300. After the Regulation they amounted to only 888, A. D. 1749. Whites in Colony at that Time, 28,439. . . I suppose A. D. 1749 not above half the Freemen voted. In Newport I suppose then were 450 voters, & yet but 96 voted. And these I imagine were Presbyterians, as Mr. Ellery was then Dep. Gov. The most that he could do was to neutralize the rest, he could not get them to be active for him. I think there were about 3600 Proxies in the Gov^t., 1760.

March 12th, 11^h. 30', Manè, 1761. A smart Shock of an Earthquake thro' New England. I felt it. Its duration about 20 seconds. Not so strong a Shock as Nov. 18, 1755. . . .

This Winter was a Justice Court in Scituate in this Colony, March 19, 1761, at which were assembled most of the Justices of Gloucester, Smithfield, &c., where a Monkey was indicted for spreading the Small Pox, upon the Statute of this Colony w^c. makes it capital. He was formally arraigned & upon his standing mute, Evidences examined; he was found guilty, condemned, & executed. He had in Fact communicated the Disease. . . .

Mar. 26, 1761. M^r. Jno. Grelia told me that Mr. Israel Wilkinson of Smithfield has discovered & gathered true Bees Wax from Poplar Trees, eno' for Family use . . .

CAPTAINS OF VESSELS IN NEWPORT, 1761

Pollipus Hammond	Jos. Sanford
Wm. Peck	Simon Peas
Elnathan Hammond	Godfry Malbone
— More	Jno. Tillinghast

¹ Samuel Ward (born 1725) was first chosen Governor of Rhode Island in 1762.

Phil. Do.	Sherman Clark
Jon ^a . Do.	Tukle Taylor
Pardon Do.	Arnold Hammond
Jos. Do.	W ^m . Taylor
Jno. Brown	—— Buckmaster
Eben. Vose	Jos. Arnold
James Cahoon	Tho. Stelle
Evan Malbone	Isaac Stelle
Phil. Wilkinson	Tho. Rodman
Simon Newton	Wm. Do.
Thos. Richardson	Walter Chapman
—— Read	Ben Almy
Jno. Collins	—— Tosh
Eben. Flagg	Geo. Frost
Jos. Durfy	—— Underwood
James Duncan	—— Dorden
Rob. Rodman	Rob. Sherman
Caleb Godfry	Jos. Cuzzens
Capt. Beard	Mat. Do.
—— Pinnegar	Brig. Do.
Jno. Coddington	And ^r . Do.
Latham Clark	Jos. Wanton
Gidly Do.	Ed. Do.
Steph. Wanton	Oliver Warner
Elish. Sherman	—— Ferguson
—— Do.	—— Drew

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A. D. 1755		2000
1756		7000
1757		4000
1758		12000
1759		10000
1760		8000
		43,000

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STATE OF EPISCO. CHH. IN N. E., JUNE 29, 1761

For the year 1760

MASSACHUSETTS, 7 MISSIONS & 2 OTHERS

		Chhs. Fam.			
Dr. Cutler } Mr. Greateon }	Boston	1	100	or	80
Caner & Troutbeck		1	150	or	100
Hooper		1	250	or	180
Dr. Miller	Brantree	1	25		
	Stoughton	1	10		
	Dedham	1	6		
	Scituate	1	40		
Tompson	Hanover	1			
	Salem	1	40		
Mr. Gilchrist	Marbleh ^d .	1	50		
Bours	Newbury	1	30		
Bass	Amesbury	1	15		
Apthorp	Cambr.	1	25		
	Hopkinton	1	20		
—	Taunton	1	8		
		15	769		

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Brown Son	Portsmo'	1	50		
	Itin.		30		
			80		

RHODE ISLAND			
Pollen	Newport	1	180
Usher	Bristol	1	45
Graves	Provid.	1	40
Fayerweather	Kingston	1	21
	Warwick	1	10
			306

CONNECTICUT, 14 MISSIONARIES

Mr. Dibble	Stamford	1	120	more truly	70
	—	1			
Leaming	Norwalk	1	100	do.	50
	Ridgfield	1	80	do.	30
Beach	Newtown	1	100	do.	70
	Reading	1	100	do.	70
Lamson	Fairfield	1	40		
	Stratfield	1	40		
Winslow	Stratford	1	66		
Newton	Nº. Stratford	1	30		
	Ripton	1	60		
Mansfield	Darby	1	80		
	Oxford	0			
Punderson	New Haven	1	22		
	West H.	1	23		
	Guilford	1	10		
	Branfd.	0	10		
Scovil	Waterbury	1	120	or	100
	Nºbury	1			
	Cambr.	1			
Gibbs	Simsbury	2	120		
Camp	Middletº.	1	40	or	30
	Cohabit	1	15		
Greaves	N. Lond.	1	80	or	45
Vacant	Groton	1	30		
	Norwich	1	10		
New Miss. proposed	Wallingfd.	1			
	Nº. Haven	1	70		
	Pauge, &c.	0			
Palmer	Litchfd.	1	100	or	150
	New Milfd.	1			
Peters	Hebron	1	35		
			30		1501

Mr. Winslow told Mr. Viets, July 18, 1761, that he had about 90, and Mr. Newton about 100 Fam. And Mr. Viets saw a Norwich

man who told him 20 or 25 in Norwich, & about 20 or 30 in Groton. . . .

Mr. Peter Harrison of Newport told me that his Br. the Collector at N. H. told him that in his District were 60 foreign Vessels & 200 Coasters. His District is from Killingworth inclusive to Greenwich.

The Rev^d. Dr. Smith, in Orders, Provost of the College of Philadelphia, has £250., Philadelphia currency, per annum. The Rev^d. Doctor Alison, Vice Provost, £200. (Dissenter.) Rev^d. Mr. Kinnersley, Professor of English & Oratory, £150. Mr. Beveridge, Professor of Languages, £150. Mr. Williamson, Professor of Mathematicks, £125. Two Writing Masters, about £45. per annum, each.

. . . . July 1, 1761. I am told by Messrs. Beach & Elisha Hall of Cheshire in Connecticut, Sons of the Rev^d. Sam^l. Hall, that Cheshire consists of about 200 fam., are £15000. in the List, that Mr. Hall, who was ordained A. D. 1724 in Dec., had baptized 1700 Children, & has in his Chh. between 5 and 600 Communicants now living.

That Wallingford Old Society is £20,000. in the List, of which the Episcopalians £4000., the Minor party £6000., and Mr. Dana's people £10,000. That Meriden is £8000. That Mr. Williams' Parish, Northford, about 70 families, part of which in the Township of Wallingford—whose Total on the List therefore must be about £50000.—That there are about 10 or 12 Episc^o. Fam. in Cheshire who have built a Chh. about 25 by 15 foot.—That there is but one Episc^o. fam. in Meriden. That a third or near half Mr. Cheshire Hall's people are dissatisfied with him on Acco^t. of his Conduct in the Affair of Mr. Dana. . . .

The Spring 1761 in Months of Apr. & May there was an epidemical Cold from Nova Scotia inclusive to Virginia at least—especially in N. Eng. it proved mortal to old people. It was attended with a fever & so sensible a shock to the Constitution that many were a long Time recovering. Very few escaped. By Accounts from Bermuda we find the same Thing there to an equal Degree of Malignancy. . . .

JULY 14, A. D. 1761.

Housatonic	at meet
Longmead &	50
Loudon Co.	50
Madagascar	at 17 25
Marble	at 17 10
Farmington &	30
Florida & Colony	100
Maiden	50
Warrington & Woburn	100
Windsor	30
Windsor	75
All N. E. besides	100
	560

Mr. Viets says, in Norwalk old parish Mr. Dickinson has three quarters of the Families & Mr. Leaming one quarter.—He says Wallingford Episc^d. are 12500. in the Grand List. Mr. Dana 118000., Cheshire 112000.—He says the Farmington Tribe of Indians are reduced to not above 25 Fam., which move back & now reside chiefly in the N. W. bounds of Farmington & in New Hartford adjoining.—Also that in East parts of East Hartford & Windsor Goshen may be about 10 fam. more, and these are all in Hartford County.—N. B. I think that Mr. Beach's at Reading is the only Episc^d. House with Galleries. I judge that of the 30 or 31 Chhs. perhaps 10 may be equal to 40 by 35 on a mean. I think there is not one Chh. equal to 60 by 40, which is the common Dimensions of Meetings, unless very small parishes indeed. The other 20 may be taken at 30 by 25 on a mean. As there are no Galleries (except 1) the Total Area is 29,000 feet. Now the people that can be spared to go to meeting for about 105 fam. in Newport (y^e. N^o. of my Meeting) when they meet full, would crowd the floor of my Meet^g, w^h. is 60 by 45 or 2700 sq. ft. Hence 11 or 1200 fam. would fill & even crowd the area of 29,000 feet.

A second Acco^t. of the Episc^d. in Connecticut from further Conversation with Mr. Viets of Symsbury, July 14, 1761.

LITCHFIELD Co.

	Fam.
Kent	10
Cornwal	15
Sharon	20 Chh.

New Milford	45 Chh.
Roxbury, part Woodb.	36 Chh.
Litchfield	44 Chh. 40 by 36
New Fairfield	8
Canaan	8
Danbury	14
	200

Co. FAIRFIELD

Greenwich }	60 Chh.
Horsneck }	
Stanford	90 Chh.
Norwalk	100 Chh.
Ridgfield	80
Fairfield old T ^o . }	50 Chh.
Stratfield ... } Lamson	25 Chh.
Reading } Beach	90 Chh. Galleries new
Newtown }	90 Chh.
Stratford, old Society	80 Chh.
N ^o . Do. or Unity	28
Ripton	100 Chh.
	793

Co. HARTFORD & NEW HAVEN

Darby & Oxford	80 Chh.
Waterbury (125 in y ^e Miss.) old }	45 Chh.
- - To. & Westbury }	
- - N ^o .bury & Harwinton	33 Chh.
Farmington & Cambr.	36 Chh.
Symsbury (122), lower	90 Chh. 42 by 36
- - Upper Chh.	33 Chh. 30 by 26
New Haven, old Society	20 Chh.
- - West Side	20 Chh.
- - N ^o . Haven	15 Chh. Frame
Branf ^d , N ^o . do., & Pauge	20
Guilford, Old Society	7 Chh.
- - Cohabit	15 Chh.
Wallingford, Old Society	35 Chh.
- - Cheshire	15 Chh. Frame
Middletown	50 Chh.

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Co. NEW LONDON

N. Lond.	60 Chh.
Groton	50 Chh. or 25
Norwich	30 Chh. or 20

Preston	10
Hebron	33 Chh.
	183
	514
	793
	200
Connect.	1,690 Fam.
3 other Gov ^{ts}	1,165
	2,855

K. NIXON'S TIME, A. D. 1761

		Æt.		Boys	Girls		
Toby Cohoize	Bros.	90	1	2	James Niles	1	2
Jos. Do.		70	1	2	Will Skieezup	2	1
Ephr. Do.		60	1	0	David Do.	2	1
Dr. Sam. Pucky		80	1	4	David Philip	1	5
Sam ^l . Niles, Min.		60	1	1	Ant ^o . Philip	3	0
—— Wife				2	James Hammar	3	0
James Do.		50	1	2	Ben Garret	0	1
Jos. Tohoy			1	2	Thos. Paul	4	2
Jno. Shaddock			5	2	Charles Niles	5	0
Jno. Shaddoc			3	1	James Daniel	2	1
Jos. Jeffry			0	0	James Robin	0	0
Kit Harry			1	3	James Paul	3	2
—— Wife				2	Jno. Antony	1	1
Dan ^l . Harry		50	0	3	—— Antony	1	2
Jos. Do.			1	2	James Nokeheage	1	3
W ^m . Sachem, Cousin to King		2	3		Old Sauck	60	0
Jno. Simon		2	3		James Taucko	60	0
Stephen Coghoosize		2	0		Henry Matthew	2	3
Michael Do.		0	2		Molatto Uncle to K. Thos. wife		
Antony Wilson		0	0		Abraham Perry	0	2
Antony Shadoc		1	1		Do. Henry	0	0
James Cuff, Molatto		1	0		James Niles	1	2
Couzen Jos.		3			—	—	—
					42	60	66

YOUNG MEN ABOVE 16 ÆT.

Thos. Cohoize	Jno. Niles
Wm. Do.	Sim. Henry
Jno. Tohoy	Abm. Henry
Tho. Do	Philip Harry
Pet. Shadoc	Isaac Michael
Toby Do.	Harry Daniel
Jno. Do.	Harry Hazard
Jno. Sauck	—— Sampson
Jno. Tompson	Thom. Sachem 20
Jos. Pucky	

WIDOWS

	Boys	Girls			
Wid. Skeezuc	3	1	Kate	1	0
Samson	1	2	Hannah Chitch-	2	0
Simon	1	2	Sarah Tom	0	1
hansom Hannah	0	1	Betty Jennom	1	3
Polly Peter	1	2	Mary Soch	0	2
Sarah Toby	0	2	—	—	—
Hannah Cohoize	0	0	12	10	16

BOYS UNDER 16 Æt.

Jos. Shadoc	James Niles	
James Do.	Son Do.	2
Moses Do.	James Hammar	2
Isaac Do.	Will Cohoize	—
Peter Do.		29
Harry's 5 Boys { Harry Boy	Men married	42
Do.	— Wives about	40
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Do.	Children { Boys	70
Do.	Girls	82
Kit Harry		—
Jos. Do.		246
James Shadoc		
Charles Niles	4	K. Ninegrate & wife 2
Wid. Hannah	1	—
Dan. Hazard, dec ^d }	3	248
David Philip		
Will Sachem		

Thos. Ninegrate, King, married a Molatto in Newport, A. D. 1761.—Conversation with Betty Cohoisze of Charlest^o, who said these were all the Indians under Ninegrate, Men, Women & Children, inclusive of all absent in War. July 7, 1761.—Betty Cohoize I judge Æt. 55; her Husband is Jos. Cohoise, Bro. to Toby Cohoise, the oldest Indian alive, and who remembers K. Philip's War & the Swamp Fight, A. D. 1675. . . .

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³ Now Northford.

⁴ Roger Viets (Yale 1758), lately lay reader in Simsbury, and eventually successor to Rev. William Gibbs. He was spending a few months in Newport.

1 pl.—New Haven Mission, exclusive N^o. Haven, 40 fam., 4 pl.—Wallingford, 70 fam., 3 pl., viz. Wall., N^o. H., Cheshire.—Mr. Palmer, 2 pl., one Litchfield, 1 at New Milford.—Mr. Viets said that a new Mission was erecting in the West part of Litchfield Co. in Connect., inclusive of part of Dutchess Co. in New York & Oblong; and that in the Co. of Litchfield were 300 Episc. Fam. But I believe he must mean inclusive of those in the Vicinity of Oblong, &c.—Mr. Viets estimated the Total of Chh. Fam. in Connecticut above 2000. But when I questioned him upon it, he said he computed that there were 40 places of pub. Worship in the Colony of 50 fam. each. Upon my questioning the No. of Chhs., he enumerated but about 30, some of which were much under 30 fam.—But from large allowances for Mr. Viets' reckoning I cannot make above 1240 fam. in Connecticut. . . .

STATE OF EPISCO. CHH. IN N. E., JUNE 29, 1761

For the year 1760

MASSACHUSETTS, 7 MISSIONS & 2 OTHERS

		Chhs. Fam.			
Dr. Cutler } Mr. Greateon }	Boston	1	100	or	80
Caner & Troutbeck		1	150	or	100
Hooper		1	250	or	180
Dr. Miller	Brantree	1	25		
	Stoughton	1	10		
	Dedham	1	6		
	Scituate	1	40		
Tompson	Hanover	1			
	Salem	1	40		
Mr. Gilchrist	Marbleh ^d .	1	50		
Bours	Newbury	1	30		
Bass	Amesbury	1	15		
Apthorp	Cambr.	1	25		
	Hopkinton	1	20		
—	Taunton	1	8		
		15	769		

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Brown Son	Portsmo'	1	50		
	Itin.		30		
			80		

RHODE ISLAND

Pollen	Newport	1	180
Usher	Bristol	1	45
Graves	Provid.	1	40
Fayerweather	Kingston	1	21
	Warwick	1	10
			306

CONNECTICUT, 14 MISSIONARIES

Mr. Dibble	Stamford	1	120 more truly	70
	—	1		
Leaming	Norwalk	1	100	do. 50
	Ridgfield	1	80	do. 30
Beach	Newtown	1	100	do. 70
	Reading	1	100	do. 70
Lamson	Fairfield	1	40	
	Stratfield	1	40	
Winslow	Stratford	1	66	
Newton	Nº. Stratford	1	30	
	Ripton	1	60	
Mansfield	Darby	1	80	
	Oxford	0		
Punderson	New Haven	1	22	
	West H.	1	23	
	Guilford	1	10	
	Branfd.	0	10	
Scovil	Waterbury	1	120	or 100
	Nºbury	1		
	Cambr.	1		
Gibbs	Simsbury	2	120	
Camp	Middletº.	1	40	or 30
	Cohabit	1	15	
Greaves	N. Lond.	1	80	or 45
Vacant	Groton	1	30	
	Norwich	1	10	
New Miss. proposed	Wallingfd.	1		
	Nº. Haven	1	70	
	Pauge, &c.	0		
Palmer	Litchfd.	1	100	or 150
	New Milfd.	1		
Peters	Hebron	1	35	
			30	1501

Mr. Winslow told Mr. Viets, July 18, 1761, that he had about 90, and Mr. Newton about 100 Fam. And Mr. Viets saw a Norwich

man who told him 20 or 25 in Norwich, & about 20 or 30 in Groton. . . .

Mr. Peter Harrison of Newport told me that his Br. the Collector at N. H. told him that in his District were 60 foreign Vessels & 200 Coasters. His District is from Killingworth inclusive to Greenwich.

The Rev^d. Dr. Smith, in Orders, Provost of the College of Philadelphia, has £250., Philadelphia currency, per annum. The Rev^d. Doctor Alison, Vice Provost, £200. (Dissenter.) Rev^d. Mr. Kinnnersley, Professor of English & Oratory, £150. Mr. Beveridge, Professor of Languages, £150. Mr. Williamson, Professor of Mathematicks, £125. Two Writing Masters, about £45. per annum, each.

. . . . July 1, 1761. I am told by Messrs. Beach & Elisha Hall of Cheshire in Connecticut, Sons of the Rev^d. Sam^l. Hall, that Cheshire consists of about 200 fam., are £15000. in the List, that Mr. Hall, who was ordained A. D. 1724 in Dec., had baptized 1700 Children, & has in his Chh. between 5 and 600 Communicants now living.

That Wallingford Old Society is £20,000. in the List, of which the Episcopalians £4000., the Minor party £6000., and Mr. Dana's people £10,000. That Meriden is £8000. That Mr. Williams' Parish, Northford, about 70 families, part of which in the Township of Wallingford—whose Total on the List therefore must be about £50000.—That there are about 10 or 12 Episc^o. Fam. in Cheshire who have built a Chh. about 25 by 15 foot.—That there is but one Episc^o. fam. in Meriden. That a third or near half Mr. Cheshire Hall's people are dissatisfied with him on Acco^t. of his Conduct in the Affair of Mr. Dana. . . .

The Spring 1761 in Months of Apr. & May there was an epidemical Cold from Nova Scotia inclusive to Virginia at least—especially in N. Eng. it proved mortal to old people. It was attended with a fever & so sensible a shock to the Constitution that many were a long Time recovering. Very few escaped. By Accounts from Bermuda we find the same Thing there to an equal Degree of Malignancy. . . .

INDIANS, A. D. 1760

Housatonnoc	40 men
Oronoque, &c.	50
Litchfield Co.	50
Mohegan	40 or 25
Nihantic	20 or 10
Farmington, &c.	30
Rhode I. Colony	100
Mashpee	50
Nantucket & Viney ^d	100
Natick	30
Penobscot	70
All N. E. besides	100
	680

. . . . Mr. Viets says, in Norwalk old parish Mr. Dickinson has three quarters of the Families & Mr. Leaming one quarter.—He says Wallingford Episc^o. are £2500. in the Grand List, Mr. Dana £18000., Cheshire £12000.—He says the Farmington Tribe of Indians are reduced to not above 25 Fam., which move back & now reside chiefly in the N. W. bounds of Farmington & in New Hartford adjoining.—Also that in East parts of East Hartford & Windsor Goshen may be about 10 fam. more, and these are all in Hartford County.—N. B. I think that Mr. Beach's at Reading is the only Episc^o. House with Galleries. I judge that of the 30 or 31 Chhs. perhaps 10 may be equal to 40 by 35 on a mean. I think there is not one Chh. equal to 60 by 40, which is the common Dimensions of Meetings, unless very small parishes indeed. The other 20 may be taken at 30 by 25 on a mean. As there are no Galleries (except 1) the Total Area is 29,000 feet. Now the people that can be spared to go to meeting for about 105 fam. in Newport (y^e. N^o. of my Meeting) when they meet full, would crowd the floor of my Meet^g, w^c. is 60 by 45 or 2700 sq. ft. Hence 11 or 1200 fam. would fill & even crowd the area of 29,000 feet.

A second Acco^t. of the Episc^o. in Connecticut from further Conversation with Mr. Viets of Symsbury, July 14, 1761.

LITCHFIELD CO.

	Fam.
Kent	10
Cornwal	15
Sharon	20 Chh.

New Milford	45 Chh.
Roxbury, part Woodb.	36 Chh.
Litchfield	44 Chh. 40 by 36
New Fairfield	8
Canaan	8
Danbury	14
	200

Co. FAIRFIELD

Greenwich }	60 Chh.
Horsneck }	
Stanford	90 Chh.
Norwalk	100 Chh.
Ridgfield	80
Fairfield old T ^o . }	50 Chh.
Stratfield ... }	25 Chh.
Reading } Beach	90 Chh. Galleries new
Newtown }	90 Chh.
Stratford, old Society	80 Chh.
N ^o . Do. or Unity	28
Ripton	100 Chh.
	793

Co. HARTFORD & NEW HAVEN

Darby & Oxford	80 Chh.
{ Waterbury (125 in y ^e Miss.) old }	45 Chh.
- - To. & Westbury }	
- - N ^o .bury & Harwinton	33 Chh.
Farmington & Cambr.	36 Chh.
Symsbury (122), lower	90 Chh. 42 by 36
- - Upper Chh.	33 Chh. 30 by 26
New Haven, old Society	20 Chh.
- - West Side	20 Chh.
- - N ^o . Haven	15 Chh. Frame
Branf ^d , N ^o . do., & Pauge	20
Guilford, Old Society	7 Chh.
- - Cohabit	15 Chh.
Wallingford, Old Society	35 Chh.
- - Cheshire	15 Chh. Frame
Middletown	50 Chh.

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Co. NEW LONDON

N. Lond.	60 Chh.
Groton	50 Chh. or 25
Norwich	30 Chh. or 20

Preston	10
Hebron	33 Chh.
	183
	514
	793
	200
Connect.	1,690 Fam.
3 other Gov ^{ts}	1,165
	2,855

K. NINEGRET'S TRIBE, A. D. 1761

		Æt.	Boys	Girls				
Toby Cohoize	} Bros.	90	1	2	James Niles	1	2	
Jos. Do.		70	1	2	Will Skieezup	2	1	
Ephr. Do.		60	1	0	David Do.	2	1	
Dr. Sam. Pucky		80	1	4	David Philip	1	5	
Sam ^l . Niles, Min.		60	1	1	Ant ^o . Philip	3	0	
—— Wife				2	James Hammar	3	0	
James Do.		50	1	2	Ben Garret	0	1	
Jos. Tohoy			1	2	Thos. Paul	4	2	
Jno. Shaddock			5	2	Charles Niles	5	0	
Jno. Shaddoc			3	1	James Daniel	2	1	
Jos. Jeffry			0	0	James Robin	0	0	
Kit Harry			1	3	James Paul	3	2	
—— Wife				2	Jno. Antony	1	1	
Dan ^l . Harry		50	0	3	—— Antony	1	2	
Jos. Do.			1	2	James Nokeheage	1	3	
W ^m . Sachem, Cousin to King		2	3		Old Sauck	60	0	1
Jno. Simon			2	3	James Taucko	60	0	0
Stephen Coghoosize			2	0	Henry Matthew		2	3
Michael Do.			0	2	Molatto Uncle to K. Thos. wife			
Antony Wilson			0	0	Abraham Perry	0	2	
Antony Shadoc			1	1	Do. Henry	0	0	
James Cuff, Molatto			1	0	James Niles	1	2	
Couzen Jos.			3		——	——	——	
				42		60	66	

YOUNG MEN ABOVE 16 ÆT.

Thos. Cohoize	Jno. Niles
Wm. Do.	Sim. Henry
Jno. Tohoy	Abm. Henry
Tho. Do	Philip Harry
Pet. Shadoc	Isaac Michael
Toby Do.	Harry Daniel
Jno. Do.	Harry Hazard
Jno. Sauck	—— Sampson
Jno. Tompson	Thom. Sachem 20
Jos. Pucky	

WIDOWS					
	Bboys	Girls			
Wid. Skeezuc	3	1	Kate	1	0
Samson	1	2	Hannah Chitch	2	0
Simon	1	2	Sarah Tom	0	1
hansom Hannah	0	1	Betty Jennom	1	3
Polly Peter	1	2	Mary Soch	0	2
Sarah Toby	0	2	—	—	—
Hannah Cohoize	0	0	12	10	16

BOYS UNDER 16 Æt.

Jos. Shadoc	James Niles	
James Do.	Son Do.	2
Moses Do.	James Hammar	2
Isaac Do.	Will Cohoize	—
Peter Do.		29
Harry's 5 Boys { Harry Boy	Men married	42
Do.	— Wives about	40
Do.	Widows	12
Do.	Children { Boys	70
Do.	Girls	82
Kit Harry		—
Jos. Do.		246
James Shadoc	K. Ninegrate & wife	2
Charles Niles		—
Wid. Hannah		248
Dan. Hazard, dec ^d }		
David Philip		
Will Sachem		

Thos. Ninegrate, King, married a Molatto in Newport, A. D. 1761.—Conversation with Betty Cohoisze of Charlest^o., who said these were all the Indians under Ninegrate, Men, Women & Children, inclusive of all absent in War. July 7, 1761.—Betty Cohoize I judge Æt. 55; her Husband is Jos. Cohoise, Bro. to Toby Cohoise, the oldest Indian alive, and who remembers K. Philip's War & the Swamp Fight, A. D. 1675. . . .

July 14, 1761. . . Mrs. Tweedy shewed me about 2 quarts of Cocoons of raw-Silk. . She raised them this season as she had raised some in the year 1760 . . Mr. Tweedy an Apothecary. . . .

July 15. Mr. Wright, of Northampton, one of the Bearers at funeral of Rev^d. Mr. Stoddard of that Town, told me that when Rev^d. Mr. Edwards left them their Chh. Communicants were said

to be 330¹ Males. He judged the Total males & females between 6 & 700. About 200 Families, Mr. Hooker's Meeting.—Northampton Meet^house, 70 & about 45. . . .

July 9, 1761. Mr. Munsell, of Westfield, says that about 15 y. ago Lieut. Brown became concerned in the New Township N^o. 3,² towards Housatonnoc. That he moved there himself about 8 years ago; has settled his Sons on good Farms, and besides, from being worth about £100. Old Tenor he is now worth £6000. Proc.

Mr. Crandal of Newport says not above a doz. or 15 Ind. men in Tiverton & Saconet.³ . . .

July 17 . . Conversation with Fr. Willet,⁴ Esq. Meántinóme.—Head of Petaquanscat River, Passacaco,⁵ where 30 or 40 Wigwams used to be within Judge Willet's Memory; in his Farm 360 Acres.—Mr. Willet says the Inds. never pronounced the Letter R.—Ninecraft's fort 3 Acres of Ground; Mr. Willet was in it.—22 M. fr. ferry to Paucatuck Bridge, 14 to Ninecraft's fort, & 7 to River from thence.—. Nanhoyganset. . .—The Beach by Franklin's ferry the place where the Eng. landed when they went ag^t. the Pequots, 1637.—Gov^t. reserved 10,000 Acres for Ninecraft. . . .—Old Ninicraft had 2 sons, George and Charles.—Mr. Willet says that before or about the Time of Pequot War the Pequots had made inroad on this side Paucatuck; that Ninegret promised Soso, an enterprising Indian tho' no Sachem, Misquamicut⁶ or a Territory of 4 Miles this side Paucatuck R., on condition he would extirpate the Pequots,—w^c. he did; and the English bo't that part of Soso. This antecedent Enmity between the Pequots & Ninegret's people was the Reason they permitted the Eng. to destroy the Pequots.

Aug. 13, 1761. The Steeple of my Meeting being repairing, I measured (by a Rope let down) & found the Altitude of the Tower 53½ Feet.

¹ Probably an error for 230.

² Now Sandisfield, in Berkshire County, Mass.

³ Little Compton.

⁴ See Stiles's *Diary*, iii, 432.

⁵ In North Kingston, R. I.

⁶ In Westerly, R. I.

. . 4 Ind. Boys enlisted in the service in Portsm^o.¹ 1761; only one Boy more in Town, & he about 10 y. old. I can't find that any Ind. Men in Town, only Wood, but several Squaws, perhaps 8 or 10. . .

July 25, 1761. Conversation with Mr. Joshua Lothrop of Norwich, Merch^t.—Ind. Town East of the Road & 4 M. or 3½ from Landing.—Ben's Town & Jno. Town, one half a Mile S^o. of tother, both East side the Road, which runs about 1 Mile West of the River at Mohegan.—Ben Uncas, Sachem of the Mohegan Tribe, has under him about 20 Wigwams, imply^d. perhaps 80 Souls at the Extent, more probably not above 60 Souls. . . .

Jan. 20, 1761. I preached a funeral Sermon on the Death of his Majesty K. George the second; on which occasion the Pulpit was hung in Mourning—which after 2 or three Sabb. was taken down & given to me, according to this subscription:

"We the Subscribers do promise to pay the sums hereafter mentioned for to purchase black cloth to hang the Pulpit in Mourning for the Death of his late Majesty, afterwards to be presented for the Use of the Reverend Mr. Stiles."

Caleb Gardner	£30.	Cash (King & Hager)	£19.
W ^m . Ellery	30.	Caleb Gardner, Jr.	8.
Rob ^t . Stevens	20.	Thos. Phipps Darrell	10.
Jno. Channing	15.	Cash (Sylvester)	5.
Eleazar Trevett	15.	E. Richardson	6.
Christ ^o . Ellery	15.	I. Richardson	10.
W ^m . Vernon	15.	Jno. Treby	20.
David Chesebro'	30.	Dan ^l . Russel	18. 16
Eben. Rumrill	15.	Sarah Rumrill	5.
Jon ^a . Otis	18.	Abm. Dennis	9.

£311. 16

I rec^d. a Suit of Mourning made up, viz. a Cloth Coat & Breeches, and a Velvet Jacket & Velvet Breeches, all which cost £257. 0.6

Rec^d. in cash 54. 15. 6

£311. 16. 0

. . . Mr. Maxsen² says there were 400 Communicants in the Sabb. Chh. in Westerly, before New Light disturbed them.—Rev.

¹ In Rhode Island.

² Elder John Maxson, of Newport. See Stiles's *Diary*, ii, 28.

Mr. Stilman,¹ of Carolina, says their largest Bapt. Chhs. in Carolina consist of about 100 Members. . .

— Dexter, of Rochester, the Tinker, was born on the Cape; he says 50 years ago at a Training Day in Falmo' used to gather 4 or 500 Indian Squaws & Papouses. He says there is now (A. D. 1761) but one Ind. Fam. in Rochester & that late moved fr. Saconet; and that fr. Rh. Isld. to the End of the Cape Cod are not now he judges 100 fighting Men Inds. Hither end Dartm°. 2 Ind. Fam.

Mr. Viets says he estimates the N°. of Inhab. in the 3 River Towns lately annexed to Conn. fr. Mass. as follows:—

Suffield	200 Fam.
Enfield	120
Somers	100
	420
I estimate those annexed R. I.	650
Woodstock	230
	1300
Mr. Viets estimates Sheffield Upper	120
Lower	120
	240
	Episc°.
New Milford and New Fairfield & Roxbury & Oblong	50 Fam.
Sharon	15
Canaan & Sheffield	15
Kent	
Ridgfield, 30, including Oblong & Vicinity	80
Norwalk, $\frac{1}{3}$ or $\frac{1}{4}$ of y°. Town, inclusive of N°. Parish..	} 80
They have no Galleries at Mr. Leaming's. Mr. Viets says 100, but I judge	
Newtown, Mr. Beach & Mr. Judson equal about	100
Reading, above $\frac{1}{2}$ of Town	100
Fairfield	40 or 50
Stratfield not so many	40
Middlet°. (N. B. He before told me 40)	50
Cohabit	10
Hebron	30 or 35

These Numbers I collected from Conversation with Mr. Viets, an Episc°. Candidate who was at the Convention of the Episcopal

¹ Samuel Stillman, from 1765 to 1807 pastor of a Baptist Church in Boston.

Clergy of Connect. at Stamford, June, 1761; where by what I could find from him, the 12 Clergymen assembled entered into a Number^d. their Denomination thro' that Colony. When I asked him the Total of Episc^o. in the Colony, he instantly answered 2000 families, of w^c. he said 300 to Litchfield County. But in Course of Conversation incidentally for several Days interrogating the N^o. of Fam. in each place, tho' in most I knew exaggerated, I summed them up & could make about 1240 only. Oblong & the Confines of N. Y. I find he constantly included; and in Mr. Dibble's I think he included Rye. He reckoned Mr. Beach's in Newtown 100 fam., & 100 in Reading; & yet in neither Chhs. were there Galleries, tho' they were building Galleries in one Chh. He mentioned the biggest as almost as large as mine. Mr. Leaming, small Chh. & no Galleries, yet he judged 100 fam.; yet that but about $\frac{1}{4}$ only of Norwalk first Society were Episc^o. & yet Mr. Leaming had proselited 20 fam.—I think Mr. Viets said that in Darby Mr. Mansfield had about $\frac{1}{3}$ of both parishes, Darby & Oxford—estimated at about 250 fam., of w^c. 80 belong to Mr. Mansfield.—A new Mission forming in Westerly part of Litchfield Co. & Confines of N. York. One Man, a rich farmer in Sharon, subscribed £15. per ann. to Mr. _____ gone home for orders. N. B. Mr. _____ is to marry this rich farmer's Daughter on his Return; and to settle at New Milford.¹

A Clerk of Capt. Hargill's² Company in the Rh. Isld. Regt., 1760, tells me that in Capt. Hargill's Comp^t. were 7 Inds., in Col. Whiting's he guesses 20, and for the whole Regt. about 60 or 70 Inds.; that they were all but 1 from Long Island & out of the Colony; that no Regt. had so many Inds. as the Rh. Isld. Regt. . . .

Mr. Joshua Lothrop, Merch^t. in Norwich, tells me he thinks there are not above 8 or 10 fam. of Chhmen. in Norwich, & not above 25 or 30 in Groton; about 250 Fam. in Mr. Lord's Meet^d., Norwich, & near 40 or 50, or about a sixth part besides Seperatists.

July 24, 1761. — Wood, an Ind., æt. 69, tells me he is the only Ind. fam. in Portsmo', consisting of 3 persons; and that there

¹ This was true of the Rev. Thomas Davies (Yale 1758), who married the daughter of Joel Harvey.

² Christopher Hargill, Captain of the 5th Company of the R. I. Regiment.

is one fam. in Middleto., & judges there are not 150 Ind. men in the Colony.

Col. Wanton's Guinea Cargo in Capt. Stoddard, 1761, sold in W. Ind.; is returned here 100 Hhds. Sugar, 1100 Johannes, 200 Ounces of Gold Dust when melted into Ingots. The Gold sold in B^o. for £3.12, ster. per oz.; stamped would be £3.17, ster.

The Hon. W^m. Bull, Esq., Lieut. Gov. of S^o. Carolina, wrote to his Excellency Governor Belcher of Massachusetts that by the Fire in the Town of Charlestown, 1740, the Loss sustained was computed at no less than *Thirteen Hundred Thousand Pounds* of New England Currency. And thereupon his Excellency recommended a Contribution in all the Parishes of Massachusetts. In 1740 silver was 28/ per ounce N. Eng. Currency paper. Now 3 oz. are equal to one pound Proc. So the whole Loss was about £310,000 Proc., equal to *Two hundred & thirty Thousand Pounds sterling*. Probably this was a high Estimate.

An Account of what was collected in the Churches in Boston for the Sufferers in the late Fire, March 20, A. D. 1760, mostly on a public Fast day, Apr. 3, 1760.

The Old Brick	£1063. 0.0	The Rev ^d . Mr. Pember-	
The Old North	418. 1.6	ton's	445.
The Old South	1862. 9.4	The Rev ^d . Mr. Hooper's	1040.13.3
The King's Chapel	925. 6.5½	The Rev ^d . Mr. Boyle's ..	351.15.8
The Rev ^d . Mr. Cooper's	3483. 3.3	The Rev ^d . Dr. Mayhew's	1056.11.3
The Rev ^d . Mr. Condry's	143. 2.6	The Rev ^d . Mr. Bound ..	126. 2.9
The New North	1508.12.0	The Rev ^d . Mr. Croswel's	135. 0.3
The Rev ^d . Dr. Cutler's ..	180. ..	The Rev ^d . Mr. More-	
The New South	471. 0.6	head's	210. ..
		The Rev ^d . Mr. Mather's	139. 4.6
			£13559. 3.2½
Deduct for 1 Roxbury Ticket N ^o . 1748, which is a			
Blank. It was reckoned £4.10. in the King's			
Chapel Collection			4.10.0
			£13554.13.2½
May 4. An £8. Treas. Note put in at the Old South			60. ..
			£13614.13.2½

488 Dollars from Halifax from Gov. Lawrence	£1098. 4.6
From Christopher Kilby, Esq., of New York	2000. ..
From Charles W ^d . Apthorp, Esq., of ditto	750. ..
From Philadelphia	9090. ..
From Merchants in London £2000. sterling which is	} 19500. ..
in L. M. £2600 Old Tenor	
A private Donation by the hands of Henry Lloyd Esq.	1000. ..
From the Province of New Hampshire, in part	} 2403. 7.0
£6413.10.8, their Old Tenor at £6. a dollar; the	
Cobs & 2 Guineas fell short in weight £4.12.2	
their Money. Rec ^d . of Geo. Jefferies, Esq. Treasurer	
Out of this Province Treasury	22500. ..
	59241.11.6

The Rev. Sam ^l . Dunbar of Stoughton 1st Parish	£ 46.11. 9
The Rev. Wm. Smith of Weymouth 1st do.	96. —
The Rev. Israel Loring of Sudbury	110. 11.
The Rev. Jason Haven of Dedham 1st Parish	135. —
The Rev. Nath. Robins of Milton	157.12.
The Rev. Hull Abbot & Thos. Prentice of Charlest ^o .	664.14.
The Rev. Jno. Brown of Hingham	50. —
The Rev. Jos. Swain of Wenham	67. 5. 7
The Rev. Jacob Cushing of Waltham	160. —
The Rev. Ezekiel Dodge of Abington	51.10. 2
The Rev. Nath ^l . Hinchman of Lynn	121. 9. 6
The Rev. Eliakim Wyllys of Malden 2d Par.	28. 0. 5
The Rev. Joseph Crocker of Eastham	62.17. 9
From Mrs. Richards of Newport	10. —
Little Cambridge	77. —
The Rev. Amos Adams of Roxbury	484. 7. 6
The Rev. Nath ^l . Appleton of Cambridge 1st Par.	661. 8. 9
The Rev. Dan ^l . Perkins of Bridgwater 1st do.	101. 2.
The Rev. Jno. Shaw of do. 2d Par.	26. 4.11
The Rev. Aaron Smith of Marlborough	355.14. 4
The Rev. Eben. Turrel of Medford	204. 1.
The Rev. Moses Taft of Braintree So. Precinct	43. 9. 4
The Rev. Thos. Parker of Dracut	61. 1. 2
The Rev. Joseph Davis of Holden	42.12. 4
The Rev. Gad Hitchcock of Pembroke 2d Parish	12. 1.10
The Rev. Willard Hall of Westford	93. 7. 3
The Rev. Jacob Bacon of Plimouth 3d Parish	100. 5. 5
The Rev. Mr. Jones of Woburn 2d Parish	44. 3. 4
The Rev. Sam ^l . Woodward of Weston	204. 1.10
The Rev. Seth Storer of Watertown	217.17. 4
The Rev. Nathaniel Sherman of Bedford	56. 3. 5

The Town of Brooklyn	162.11. 8
The Rev. David Hall of Sutton 1st Parish	71. 6. 8
The Rev. Nathan Stone of Southberry	115. 1. 7
The Rev. John Barnard of Marblehead	586. 9. 4
The Rev. Edwd. Bass of Newbury Chh. of Engld. ..	270. 4. 9
The Rev. Mr. Nathl. Walker of Roxbury West Parish	242.16. 1
The Rev. Mr. David Sterns of Lunenburg	57.10. 2
The Rev. Nathan Holt of Danvers	125. 1. 9
The Rev. Peter Bours of Marbleh ^d , St. Michels	114. 5. 8
The Rev. John Swift of Acton	65. 2. 6
The Rev. James Cushing of Haverhill North Parish	25. 1. 6
The Rev. Solomon Reed of Middlebury 1st do.	20. —
The Rev. John Angier of Bridgewater 3d do.	136. 2. 4
The Rev. Dudley Levett of Salem 1st do.	302.13. 8
The Rev. John Porter of Bridgewater 4th do.	57.10. 3
The Rev. Sam'l. Wigglesworth of Ipswich Hamblet Parish	182.14. 2
The Rev. Aaron Hutchinson of Grafton	51. 1. 8
The West Precinct in Wrentham	65. 5. 8
The Rev. Benj. Ruggles of New Brantree	34. 1. 1
The Rev. Nath'l. Rogers of Ipswich 1st Parish	173. 8. 9
The Rev. Daniel Bliss of Concord	168.13. 1
The Rev. Amariah Frost of Mendon 2d Parish	43.16. 6
The Rev. Thos. Balch of Dedham So. Precinct	49.11. 8
The Rev. Wm. Hobby of Redding 1st Parish	121.14.11
The Rev. Elisha Fish of Upton	35. 1.11
The Rev. Wm. Laurence of Lincoln	88. 7. 4
The Rev. Elnathan White of Bellingham	19.14. 3
The Rev. Jonas Meriam of Newton	285.16. 7
From Josias Lyndon, Esq., of Newport	56. 5.
A Private Gent ^m 's Donation	18. —
From Mr. John Tweedy of Newport	112.10.
The Rev. Jonathan Townsend of Medfield	140. 5.
The Rev. Elizur Holyoke of Boxford	81. 1. 2
The Rev. Thos. Brown of Marshfield 1st Precinct ..	77.19. 9
Benj ^a . Peckham of Salem 100 Bushels Corn 20/	100. —
From a Provid. Gent ^m . by the hands of Mr. Thomas Hubbard }	56. 5.
From a Meeting of the Friends at Sandwich with some other of the Neighbouring Society }	135. 8. 9
The Rev. Mr. Lessly of Ipswich y ^e . West Parish	18.11. 3
10 Dollars from a Connecticut Gent ^m . by the hands of Mr. Walker	22.10.
From Elisha Marsh his Donation	2. 5.
From y ^e Friends at Salem	31. 0. 3
The Rev. Anthony Wiburt of Brantree N ^o . Precinct	156. 3. 4
The Rev. Mr. Sylvanus Conant of Middleborough ..	83.19. 3

The Rev. Mr. Joseph Wheeler of Harvard	81. 3. 4
The Rev. Mr. Eben ^r . Gay of Hingham 1st Parish ..	327. 1.
The Rev. Mr. John Searl of Stoneham	56. 1. 6
The Rev. Mr. Timothy Woodbridge of Hatfield	157. 8. 4
The Rev. Mr. Thos. Smith, 1st Precinct in Pembroke	91.13. 1
The Rev. Mr. Jon ^a . Ashley of Deerfield	150. 3. 3
The Rev. Mr. Alex ^r . McDowell of Colerain	26.18. 2
From a Gent ^m . at Gloucester	72.—
The Rev. Mr. Gardner of Stow	71. 6. 3
The Rev. Mr. Cooke of Sudbury East Parish	72. 0.11
The Rev. Mr. Stephen Badger of Natick	33. 2. 6
The Rev. Mr. Prentice of Holliston	83.14. 4
The Rev. Sam ^l . Cooke of Menotomy 2d Parish	63.—
The Rev. Philips Payson of Walpole	49.10. 9
The Rev. John Tucker of Newbury O. Town Parish	75. 2. 5
The Rev. Doct. Eben ^r . Millar, Brantree, Chh. Engld.	82.18. 3
The Rev. Isaac Jones of Weston	80.10.
The Rev. Sam ^l . Niles of Brantree 2d Parish	100.10.11
The Rev. James Cushing of Haverhill	58. 0. 4
The Rev. Isaiah Lewis of Eastham N ^o . Parish	59. 1. 8
The Rev. Shearjashub Bourn of Scituate, N ^o . do. ..	147.16. 3
The Rev. John Emerson of Topsfield	89.10. 5
A private Donation	54.—
Mr. David Cheesbrough of Newport, 5 Joannes	90.—
The Rev. Joseph Bean of Wrentham O. Parish	82.13. 5
The Rev. Joseph Emerson of Malden N. do.	111. 8. 4
The West Parish in Barnstable. no minister	141. 1. 1
From Theo ^a . Nicholes of Stratford Donation	22.10.
The Rev. Tim ^o . Harrington of Lancaster 1st Parish	165. 3. 3
The Rev. Charles Gleson of Dudley	46. 7. 1
The Rev. John Cushing of Boxford 2d Parish	40.
The Rev. Thos. Barnard of Salem 1st ditto	912.12.
From y ^e Friends at Mendon	20.17. 4
The Rev. William Rand of Kingston	86.14. 1
The Rev. Sam ^l . Barret of Hopkinton	96. 0.10
The Rev. Sam ^l . Baldwin of Hanover	74.—
Messrs. Joseph & Thos. Josselyn's note for Goods } & Effects of Hanover	150.—
The Rev. Joseph Emerson of Pepperell	64.12.
The Rev. Jno. Chandler of Gloucester 1st Parish	299.16. 6
The Rev. Mr. Jakes of Gloucester	28.19.10
The Rev. Peter Clarke of Danvers	157.16. 5
The Rev. Josiah Sherman of Woburn 1st Parish ..	95.14.10
The Rev. Mr. Sam ^l . Hopkins of Hadley 1st ditto ..	129. 3. 6
The Rev. Jon ^a . Judd of So. Hampton	38. 3. 9
The Rev. John Hooker of North Hampton	304.18.
The Rev. John Chipman of Beverly	91.19. 3
The Rev. Joseph Champney of ditto	128.17. 7

The Rev. Jon ^a . Townsend of Needham	64. 0. 6
The Rev. Andrew Tyler of Dedham	52. 5. 3
The Rev. John Cleaveland of Ipswich	67. 4. 3
The Rev. Nehemiah Porter of Ditto	40. 4. 1
The Rev. Joseph Parsons of Bradford 1st Parish ..	150.14. 1
The Rev. John Mellen of Lancaster W. Precinct	100.—
The Rev. Wm. Balch of Bradford 2d Parish	36. 0. 3
The Rev. Edw'd. Barnard of Haverhill	150.—
The Rev. Sam'l. Bacheller of Haverhill 3d Parish ..	43.10. 4
The Rev. Caleb Trowbridge of Groton 1st do.	111. 9.
The Rev. Sam'l. Tobey of Barkley	34. 2. 2
The Rev. Phineas Hemenway of Townsend	55. 6. 1
The Rev. Josiah Crocker of Taunton	77. 7. 9
The Rev. Elisha Forbish of Brookfield 2d Precinct	67. 1.
The Rev. Jedidiah Adams of Stoughton 3d Parish ..	23. 0. 7
The Rev. Jedidiah Jewitt of Rowley 1st ditto	91. 6. 3
The Rev. Mr. Chandler of ditto 2d ditto	37.13. 6
The Rev. John Woodbridge of So. Hadley	51. 4. 4
The Rev. Joseph Robie o Lynn 3d Parish	71.18.
The Rev. Charles Turner of Duxbury	74. 8. 4
The Rev. Jon ^a . Bowman of Dorchester	265. 1. 1
The Rev. Messrs. Parker & Howland of Plimton ...	50. 1. 3
The Rev. Joseph Parsons of Brookfield 1st Parish ..	58.10.
The Rev. Nathan Fisk of Do. 3d Parish	40.—
The Rev. Edmond Noyes of Salisbury	76.11.
The Rev. Sam'l. Webster of ditto West Parish	94. 7. 6
The Friends at Newbury	25. 0. 6
The Rev. Christopher Sergent of Methuen	37. 1. 9
The Rev. Jon ^a . Parsons, Presbyt. Congreg ⁿ ., New- bury	340.13. 2
The Rev. Wm. Symmes of Andover	245. 3. 1
From the Friends at Dartmouth	180.—
From the town of Dartmouth	25. 1. 5
The Rev. Jno. Lowell of Newbury	460. 1. 5
The Rev. Isaac Lyman of York 1st Parish	279. 6.10
The Rev. Thos. Goss of Bolton	128. 0. 8
The Rev. Mathew Bridge of Framingham	127.18. 6
The Rev. Wm Patten of Halifax	32. 8. 3
The town of Sutton	30. 9.
The Rev. David Barnes of Scituate, So. Precinct	106.12.10
The Rev. Robert Breck of Springfield 1st Parish	} 331.—
The Rev. Joseph Lothrop of do. 2d ditto	
The Rev. Stephen Williams of do. 3d ditto	
The Rev. Noah Mirick of do. 4th ditto	
The Rev. John M ^c Kinstree of do. 5th ditto	}
The Rev. Eben ^t . Bridge of Chelmsford	
The Rev. Edw ^d . Cheever of Eastham 1st Parish	136.13.10
The Rev. Sam'l. Palmer of Falmouth	45.16.10
	70.14. 4

The Rev. David White of Hardwick	100. 7. 6
The Rev. Aaron Whitney of Petersham	76. 2. 8
The Rev. Peter Thatcher of Attleborough 2d Parish	70.12. 3
The Rev. Habijah Weld of do. 1st do.	74. 7. 2
The Rev. Rob't. Rogerson of Rehoboth 2d Parish ..	30. 1. 1
The Rev. Jno. Carnes of do. 1st do.	83.11. 3
The Rev. Jno. Walley of Ipswich, So. do.	190.14. 1
The Rev. Benj. Toppan of Manchester	48.16. 7
The Rev. Benj. Adams of Lynend	31.13. 7
The Friends at Lynn End	100. 1. 9
The Friends at Falmouth	11. 8. 9
The Rev. Job Cushing of Shrewsbury, 1st Parish ...	111. 0. 5
The Rev. Eben ^r . Morse of Ditto 2d do.	51.10. 9
The Rev. Abr ^m . Hill of Rhoadtown	19.12. 6
The Friends at Swanzey	50. 6.10
The Rev. Josiah Dennis of Yarmouth E. Precinct ...	60. 0.11
Mr. Nath. Goodwin of Plymouth 29 bush of Indian corn	29.—
The Rev. Jno. Graves of Providence Chh. Engld. ..	134.18.
The Rev. Josiah Goodhue of Dunstable 2d Parish ..	14.15. 6
The Rev. Simon Broadstreet of Marbleh ^d	178.10.
The 4th Precinct in Dedham	47.14. 4
A Private Donation from Rhode Island	81.—
The Rev. Daniel Rogers of Littleton	117.10. 1
A Private Donation from Newport	6.10. 3
The Rev. Paine Wingate of Amesbury W. Parish ..	45.18.
Capt. Patrick Tracey of Newbury	60.—
The Rev. Daniel Shute of Hingham 3d Parish	75. 9.
The Rev. Joseph Green of Barnstable East Do. ..	164. 8. 7
The Rev. Timothy Ruggles of Rochester 1st do.	49. 2. 8
The Rev. Thos. West of do. 3d do.	20. 9.10
The Rev. Nathan Webb of Uxbridge	101.13. 3
The Rev. William Phipps of Douglas	18.14. 2
The Rev. Stephen Emery of Chatham	28.15.11
The Rev. Daniel Little of Wells 2d Parish	66. 5. 6
The Rev. Jno. Campbell of Oxford	120. 0. 2
The Rev. James Welman of Sutton 2d Parish	32. 1. 1
The Rev. Jno. Martyn of Westborough do. do.	75.12. 8
The Rev. Nathan Pearse of Rehoboth (Baptist) ..	9.16. 8
The Rev. Joseph Ashley of Sunderland 1st Parish ..	82. 6. 7
The Rev. Mr. Hubbard of Northfield	61. 9. 3
The Rev. Mr. Nash of Montague	23. 7.
The Rev. Moses Parsons of Newbury	47. 8. 6
The Rev. Chandler Robins of Plymouth 1st Parish ..	300.—
The Rev. Jonas Clarke of Lexington	199. 5. 8
The Rev. Grindal Rawson of Yarmouth, 1st Par. ..	32.17. 3
The Rev. James Dimond of Salem E. Par.	229. 7.
The Rev. Jno. Rogers of Gloucester 4th do.	67.—

The Rev. David Thurston of Medway W. Parish ..	46.13. 8
The town of Palmer in the County of Hampshire ..	37.—
The Rev. Nicholas Loring of N ^o . Yarmouth	193. 3.11
The Rev. Atherton Wales of Marshfield 2d Parish ..	30. 0. 9
The Rev. Benj. Stevens of Kittery 1st do.	138.—
The Rev. Ephraim Clarke of Falmouth 2d do.	35. 7.
The Rev. Mr. Thompson of Scituate Chh. Engld.	40.13.
The 1st Parish in Dunstable	104. 4.
The Rev. Abraham Williams of Sandwich	31.—
The Rev. Mr. Ballantine of Westfield	98. 0. 5
The town of Pontoosuck (no minister)	15. 1. 1
The Rev. Sam ^l . Phillips of Andover S ^o . Parish	88. 2. 6
The Rev. Thos. Hubbard of Amesbury 1st do.	41.—
The Rev. Nathan Bucknam of Medway 1st do.	81.—
The Rev. Eben ^r . White of Norton 2d Parish	13.11. 5
From Sturbridge, a Baptist Society	23.13. 4
The Rev. Gideon Hawley of Mashpee	20. 5.
From Mr. George Bryan of Philadelphia	75.—
From Zacheus Macy of Nantucket	60.—
The Rev. Eben ^r . Parkman of Westborough W. Parish	60.—
The Rev. Thaddeus M ^c Carty of Worcester	157.—
The District of Granville	37.15.
The Rev. Mr. Frink of New Rutland	59.16. 6
The Rev. Joseph Buckminster of Old do. 1st Parish	160. 6. 5
Mr. Sam. Smith of Philadelphia	180.—
The Rev. Philip Curtis of Stoughton S ^o . Parish	23. 1. 6
The Rev. Rowland Thatcher of Wareham	54. 9.
The Rev. Thos. Smith of Falmouth 1st Parish	177. 3. 3
The Rev. Mr. Wiswell of Do. 3d Do.	70. 2. 8
The Rev. Jno. Rogers of Kittery 2d Parish	99.15. 3
The Rev. Jacob Forster of Berwick 1st do.	180.17. 6
The Rev. Moses Morrill of Biddeford	63.17. 6
The Rev. Joshua Easton of Spencer, a District	46.12. 6
A Private donation from Providence	100.—
The Rev. Sampson Spaulding of Tewksbury	51. 7. 3
The Rev. David Parsons of Amherst	70. 3. 9
A Private donation from a Gent ^m . @ Provid.	27. 5.
The Rev. And ^w . Boardman of Chilmark	48. 4.
Mr. W ^m . Whitwell of Westminster	13. 3. 8
The Rev. Sam ^l . Lankton of York 2d Parish	117.12. 6
The Rev. Sam ^l . Locke of Sherburn	44. 4. 6
The Rev. Jno. Hovey of Arindol	65. 3. 7
Messrs. Joseph & W ^m . Roach of Nantucket	100.—
Mr. W ^m . Clarke of Louisbourgh	45.—
The Town of Leominster	50.—
The Rev. Mr. Broadstreet of Squam in Gloucester ..	35.—
The Rev. Jno. Millar of Georgetown on Kennebec ..	83.14.

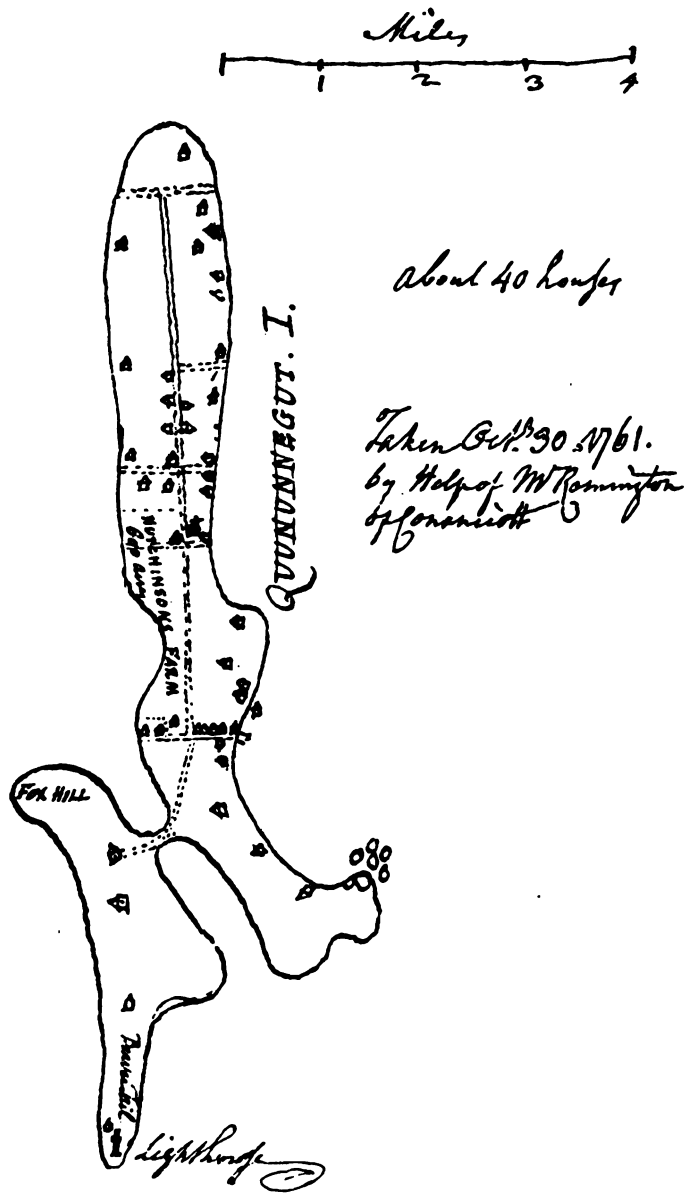
A District of Charlton (no minister)	32. 5. 10
The Rev. Eben ^r . Hinds of Middleborough	9. 12. 1
The Rev. Moses Hemenway of Wells 1st Parish ..	134. 13. 9
A Private donation by James Bayley	23. 5. 1
From y ^e Friends at Freetown	9. 12. 5
The Rev. Jno. Wales of Raynham	17. 11. 7
The Rev. Ivory Hovey of Rochester	21. 7. 6
The Rev. Jos. Dow of Mendon	55. 2. 10
The Rev. Ezra Thayer of Ware River	13. 10.
The Rev. Eben ^r . Cleaveland of Gloucester 5th Parish	24. 15. 1
The Rev. James Morton of Blandford	43. 15.
The Rev. Sam ^l . Kendall of New Salem	25. 12. 5
The Rev. Rich ^d . Elvin of Scarborough, 2d Parish ..	33. 9. 1
The Rev. James Bridgham of Brimfield	74. 6. 3
The Rev. Silas Brett at Freetown	13. 15.
The Rev. Jos. Roberts of Leicester	69. 19. 3
The Rev. Mr. Wood of Swansey	23. 15.
The Rev. Justus Forward of Cold Spring	17. 5. 8
Capt. Hueston of Cheunecto	18. —
The Rev. Sam ^l . Hopkins of Sheffield	73. 13.
The town of Sturbridge	66. 0. 6
The Rev. W ^m . Johnston of Newbury 4th Pt.	99. 18. 3
The Rev. Jos. Palmer of Norton	29. 10. 5
From the Seperates at Norton	3. 11.
The Rev. Jon ^a . Ashley of Falltown	10. 17. 6
The Rev. John Chandler of Billerica	99. 17. 11
The Rev. Adonijah Bidwell of No. 1	22. 10.
The Rev. Benj. Parker of Haverhill 4th Par.	26. 3. 5
The Rev. Jno. Morse of Berwick	19. —
The Rev. Mr. Cooper's Church, not carried out in 1st page	18.
From y ^e town of Edgartown	16. 5. 3
From a Gent ^m . at Newport	20. —
The Rev. Caleb Upham of Truro	25. 7.
From a Person at Hatfield	4. 10.
From Messrs. Thos. & W ^m . Ringold of Maryld.	100. —
From Gov. Otho Hambleton @ Placentia	90. —
The Rev. Stephen West of Stockbridge	86. 17. 6
The Rev. Mr. Fish of Stonington don ^a	11. 5.
A Private Donation	2. 10.
The Rev. Rob ^t . Cutler of Greenwich	12. 4. 6
Mr. George Dolbear of New London	90. —
Mr. W ^m . Jeffery of Wilmington in Pennsylv.	45. —
The 1st Parish in Scarborough where Mr. Wm. Thompson was Pastor	31. 1. 4
From Doct. John Redman of Philadelphia	45. —
The Rev. Isaiah Dunster of Harwich, North Precinct	62. 15.
The Middle Parish in Kittery, Rev. Mr. Chace	45. —

The Rev. Nath ^l . Fisher of Dighton	17. 7. 1
Collected in several Churches in Boston, bro ^t . from }	
1st Page	13614.13. 2½
	O. Tenor £41651.10. 2½
From Messrs. Daniel & Joshua Lothrop of Norwich	75.—
The Rev. Moses Hale of Newbury	43.15.
The town of Rehoboth, S ^e . East Part	10.17. 9
The town of Pelham	23. 1.
From Litchfield County in Connecticut from Elisha } Sheldon, Esq.	149. 2.10
From Hempstead on Long Island, y ^e Rev. Sam. Sea- bury Pastor	31. 6.10
Major Jno. Goodwin, Comm ^d . Officer of y ^e Artillery } at Quebec	21.—
From New London County from David Gardner	308.10.
From ditto	57. 7. 6
Collected in p. 2	£59,241.11.6
Do. in last p.	42,371.11.1
	£101,613. 2.7 B ^o . O. Tenor
Do. 2d p. about £3000. ster.	30,000.
Total Collection	£130,000 = £13,000. ster.

[Added subsequently:

Jan. 15, 1766. Dr. Chauncy writes me in a Letter of 7th Feb. 1761: "Our Loss by the Fire last March, as certified to our General Court under Oath by Persons appointed to make the most exact Inquiry, amounts to above *Five Hundred Thousand Pounds*." This equal to *Fifty Thousand* sterling. But I make no Doubt this Estimate is much too large—suppose the Loss about Twenty Thousand ster.; and the Reparation about Two Thirds the Loss. . .]

Oct. 6, 1761. . . Hill by Col. W^m. in Stonington, Quauka-taugk.—Noängk (Place of 2d Pequot Fort), Nöiänk, Nowank. Pequot fort contained 3 Acres, 7 Miles fr. Col. Wms. About 3 M. fr. Col. Wms. towards Pequot fort was another fort. West of Nowank is Senacousset.—Winthrop's Neck, Paudowaumset. West Neck of Winthrop, Waubeyausue. The N. E. part of Groton, Mausshantuxet.—Groton Meeting, 33 by 34.—Ripton Chh. about 40 by 50, as Mr. Hurd the Post told me.—Ind. Name of Stratford, Pisqueege. . . .



MAP OF CONANICUT ISLAND

Oct. 16, 1761. I bo't. a Susquehanna Right of Daniel Lyman of New Haven & paid him £8. Proc. for it. At the same Time bo't. of him another Right for Col. Josias Lyndon. My Susqueh. Right was in Name of Nath^l. Hubbard, who quitclaimed to me. . . .

Ninegret's Tribe mourn 3 Mos. for a King, then wash off the Mourning, assembling in a Dance which they hold about a Week—& dance all along from Narraganset or from beyond Mr. Hills to Paucatuck. At the Death of Charles Ninegret, who died about , it is said there were 1500, but whether men only I don't know. About 1733, on the dispute whether Charles' Brother George or his Son Charles an Infant should succeed, there were assembled about 300 Ind. Men, some of which were from Connecticut, viz. Mohegan & Nihantic. . . .

N^o. OF NYHANTIC TRIBE OF INDIANS, TAKEN OCT. 7, 1761, BY E. STILES

		unmarried		
Æt.	Families	Sons	Daughters	
75	Jno. Moheeges	0	4	2 Wigwams
55	Jno. Lethercotes	1	5	W.
50	Geo. Waukeete	2	4	W.
45	Philip Kewish	4	3	House
40	Jacob Kewish	0	0	H.
40	Jno. Tatsen	4	1	H.
25	Dan. Waukeete	1	1	W.
22	Sam ^l . Waukeete	0	0	
40	Thos. Sobuck	2	1	H.
26	Ben.	2	1	W.
		16	20	
		Widows		
	Widow Sobuck	6	1	H.
	Nonsuch	3	1	H.
	Tupsha	0	0	H.
	Sue	0	0	H.
	Piunko	4	1	H.
	Tatson	3	0	H.
	Waukeete	1	0	
70	Kewish, Mother to Philip			
	Ann Chesno	0	0	H.
		17	3	

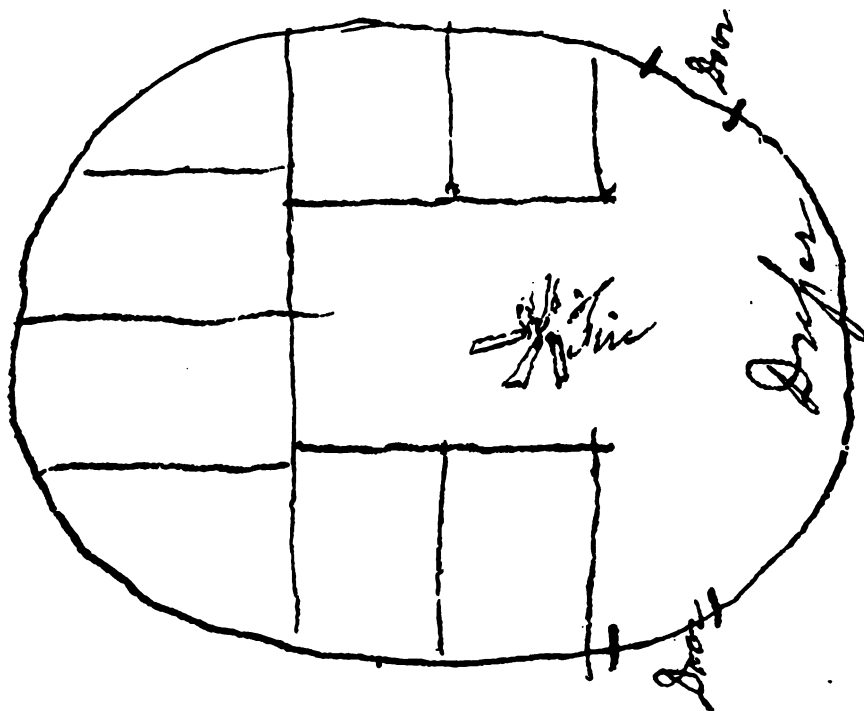
Ben Uncas, Sachem of Mohegan, married Geo. Waukeete's oldest Daughter, 1751, in May.

Yümmanum, a Pequot Indian, last Sachem of the Tribe at Nihantic, died about 1740.

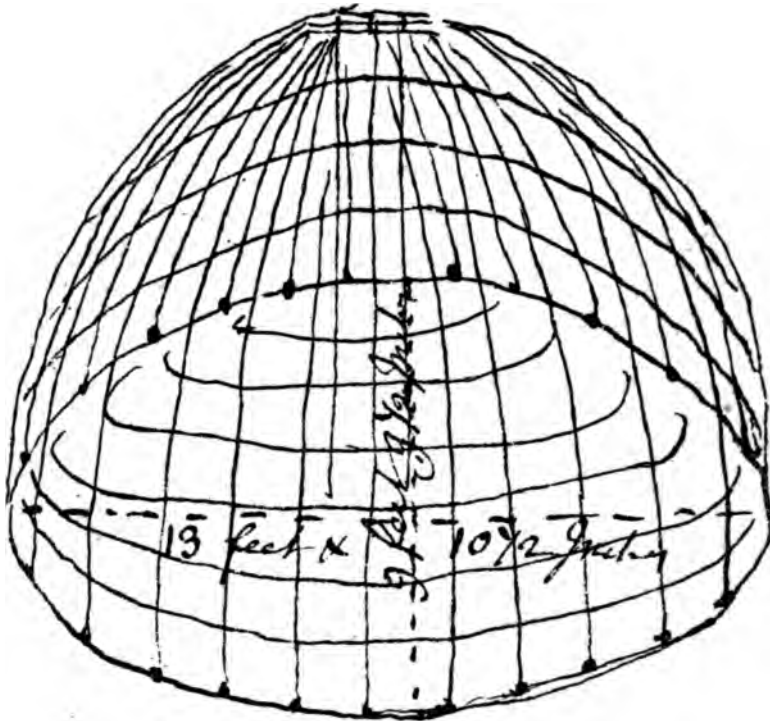
WENT INTO THE WAR SINCE 1755

* Wm. Sobuc	* Ben Waukeete	Sam Waukeete
* Dan. Bagnie	* Jos. Sauney	Jona. Nonsuch
* Jno. Waukeete	Ben	Jno. Lethercote
* Sam. Do.	Reuben Tatsen	W ^m . Tatson
* Dan Silas	Thom Sobuc	W ^m . Do.
* Josh. Nonesuch	Jno. Tatsin	Thom Do.
	* Markt thus, dead.	

This Acco^t. I took upon the Spot among the Wigwams.



The Plan of Geo. Wawkeets Wigwaum, in which seven persons can lie comfortably, as I was told on the spot by s^d. George & by Ben Uncas Sachem of the Moheges then present which took this & several other Draughts. The Wigwaums generally have 2 Doors, tho' that of Eliz Moheges had but one.



George Wawkeet or Oikeetes Wigwam stript of its Mats & left for the Winter at Nihantic.

Tradition that Pequot Fort in Capt. Fish's farm in Groton contained 2 Acres: Dr. Eliot¹ saw the Fort at Mohegan, judged it $\frac{1}{2}$ or $\frac{3}{4}$ Acre.

Kóckkopotinnoh in Gov. Saltonstall's Time Sachem of the Tribe at Wyántonnucken, New Milford. Now there may be half a Dozen families, Dr. Eliot says—and that they were a pretty big people. Gov. Saltonstall rode the first Sup^r. Court, & in Fairfield Co. there was a Trial in w^c. an Indian was concerned, upon w^c. the Court appointed a double Jury, 12 Eng. & 12 Ind. At the Trial the Indians who are pleased with Oratory remarked that he talk'd all one Kockkoptinno. And Dr. Eliot who told me this Story, says

¹ Rev. Jared Eliot (Yale 1706), of Killingworth, now Clinton.

he don't know that Kocoptinno was alive at this Trial, only the Memory of him was fresh.

Dr. Eliot (who was ordained about 1709) says the Habanausset Ind. did not excede a dozen fam. when he first came.

Stratfield called Pequaunnuck, the biggest Indian Town; & Montaugk, the Sachem, lived there & died about 1735. Jno. Shóoran his Br. & Successor at Golding Hill or Pequannuck, & died Oct. 1761. Shóran in 1735 after death of Montauk leased all the Ind. Lands for 999 years to Mr. Lewis. Convers^a. with Mr. Hurd, Post.

Chickins Sachem at Reading, 1760, in Connecticut.—Chéerow Sachem at Newtown or Pudaduc, between Newtown & Woodbury, in 1758.—Youwátonnoc, name of New Milford.

HISTORY OF CHICKINGS.

Chickins is said to have left Greens Farms between Fairfield & Norwalk upon a Disgust, having committed Murder & obliged to abdicate, and went back to Reading & became the Head of his posterity which continue to this Time, 1761. About 1730 Mr. Couch bought his Right in Lands. The Assembly allowing the Claim of that Bunch of Indians to the Land, Chickins was treated in the Purchase as a Sachem; and when the Assembly vendued & sold it to Mr. Couch, he was obliged to buy the native Right of Chickins, still reserving for him & his Children Right of Improv^t. to the End. So that Chickens was not a distinct old Tribe. Old Chickens was old, perhaps 80, 30 years ago.

Rec'd this from Rev^d. Mr. Todd of East Guilford, who formerly lived & married near Reading.

Dr. Ruggles¹ says there lately died an Ind. man in Guilford, when it was remarked that there remained alive only one Ind. man more from Saybrook ferry to New Haven Ferry; and that in the Dr's. Memory there were several Wigwaums in Guilford, but now for a long Time not one. Besides the surviving Man Indian there were a few Squaws with their Children. . . .

A. D. 1686 Branford anew granted & sold to English by Wampom Sachem & 4 more principal Indians, *Nawattakis, Sibben Jonson,*

¹ Nathaniel Ruggles (Yale 1732), born 1713.

Geoffry, & Mannapollet. These 4, inclusive of Sachem, are called in the Deed "Indian & native Proprietors of *Totóket* in y^e Township of Branford." Consider^a. £10. Six Eng. Proprietors.

Mr. Tyler tells me there were 50 Ind. Men in Branford 50 years ago, now not one; and that this Body of Inds. was larger than East Haven. . .

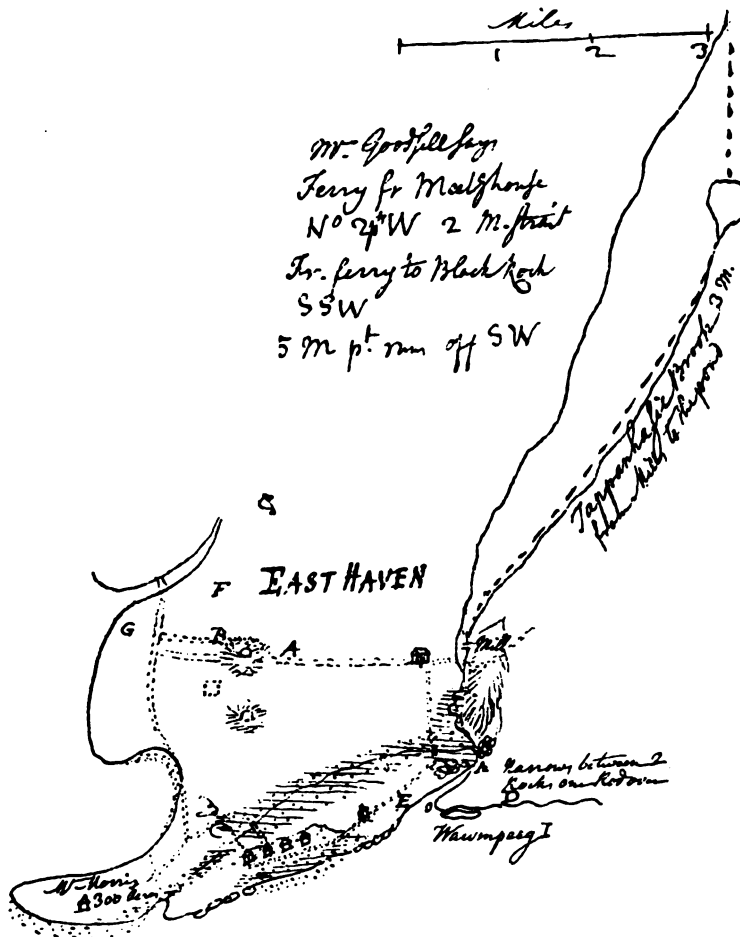
Nov. 3, 1761. Col. Josias Lyndon,¹ Æt. 56, tells me his father, Æt. 80, well knew old Gov. Easton² who lived to Norward of the Park at the Beach—of whom Mr. Lyndon often told his Son this Story. That Captain of a Man o' War putting in here inquired for the Governor of the Colony, & being directed found him one hot summer's day in the Field by his House raking Hay, having stript off his shirt & hung it on the fence, & having on next to his Skin only a little woolen Jacket. The Captain telling him his Business, the Gov^r. shook hands & askt him into his House, took his Shirt up at the End of his Rake handle & swung it over his Shoulders & walked in & dressed himself, & then treated the Captⁿ. very hospitably.—Gov. Easton an American Cincinnatus. . .

Branford Shepherd told me the flock of Sheep he was keeping contained above 3000; it had this year contained about 4000, but some were drawn. He said people did not turn half their sheep to the flock & he judged there were 10,000 in all the T^o. of Branford.

40 years ago 20 Wigwaws between ferry Easthaven & Mr. Woodward's. Now but one Wigwam & 1 Squaw & her Son 16 Æt. now living in Easthaven. . . The Wigwams some had 3 fire places: had 3 or 4 fam. The last Sachem was Jno. *Sauck*; he died 30 y. ago. . . . Since Mr. Pardy can remember, the number of Ind. men more than the Military Company of English in E. Haven. He judges 30 y. ago there were 200 Souls Ind. & more.—In Sir Edmund Andros's Time the Indians killed one Robbins an Englishman at Easthaven on the hill between Mr. Woodward's & the ferry. There were 15 or 20 fam., not more, in Time of Cuba Exped. Many carried off in Louisburg Exped. 1745.—New Haven old Meeting House 40 by 60. . . .

¹ Born in Newport, March 10, 1704.

² Nicholas Easton, died 1675.



MAP OF EAST HAVEN

[The letters mark Indian burying-places.]

70 or 100 Ind. Men at Election at Hartford about A. D. 1730. Now, A. D. 1761, as Col. Wylls says, 6 fam. Farmington, 1 Hartford, 1 Windsor: not above 12 fam.—20 Wigwaws at Farmington in Memory of Mother Stiles.¹ She thinks she was 5 . . years younger than Father who died 1760, Æt. 63.—Windsor called Podunk. The Inds. all above Hartford, Westfield & Deerfield went

¹ Esther Hooker, the step-mother of Dr. Stiles, born in 1702.

off in Philip's War, when Springfield was burnt. 300 Ind. men in East Hartford about the same Time.

Podunk Tribe at the dividing Line between Windsor & Hartford East side; between 2 & 300 Men in Philip's War; went off & never returned.—Hoccanum, S^o. of Podunk in East Hartford near Glassenbury, remained till about 1745 & not a Wigwam A. D. 1760.—Sukiaugk, West Hartford, a distinct Tribe, remained till 1730, when they went & left Hartford to Farmington; about 2 or 3 fam.—Tunxis Sepōs or Sēpoūs, Farmington, was the largest Tribe. Now 4 or 5 Fam.—Mattabéeset or Middletown Tribe, at Wongunck on E. side Connect. River, ag^t. Upper Houses—once a great Tribe.—Pocumtuck, Springfield or Deerfield, a large Tribe.—Westfield Tribe.—Mohegan, 150 fight^r. Men went; & 250 Men about A. D. 1725 in Col. Wyllys'¹ Memory he saw once at Hartford.

All the Indians Malecontents retreated from N. Eng. to Skota-cook² after 1676, where they continued till since the present War when they committed Hostilities on the Eng. at Stockbridge. About A. D. 1754 they fled & incorporated with the St. Francois Ind. About 12 fam. . . .

Wallingford Meet^r., 68 by 52.—Presid^t. Clap judges people at Mr. Waterman's³ Ord. eno' to fill 4 Times as much Ground as the Meet^r House, or about 4000. Mr. Leavenworth judges 20 Thous^d. —Charles Whittelsey, Esq., says the Ordin. people stood in a Circle around the Stage which could not excede seven Rods Diam. or six & half Rods. The highway is measured 9½ Rods & there was a Wood pile & Cartroom between the 'people & the fence. . .

Oct. 10, 1761. Passing from New Haven to N^o. H. I overtook a Farmington Squaw; & entering into some Talk with her she told me there now were but three Men & six married Women Indians in Farmington. I asked who was their Sachem. She said Mr.

¹ George Wyllys (Yale 1729), born 1710.

² Schaghticoke, Rensselaer County, N. Y.

³ Simon Waterman (Yale 1759) was ordained at Wallingford on October 7, 1761, as pastor of a new Church of "New-Light" sympathies, in what was called the Wells Society.

Pitkin¹ was their Sangum—g being pronounced as in Genesis or generation or gentleman. Sangum or Sanchum, Saunchum, if Saūn be accented short & not long.

Wallingford, Oct. 12, 1761. According to accurate Acco^{ua}. of Rev^d. Mr. Dana the State of the first Parish or Society, which includes three Assemblies of public Worship, viz. Mr. Dana's, Mr. Waterman's, & the Episcopal, is thus:

Total of Families	292		
Total Souls	1750		
Total List for 1760 about	£20,000		
Total List, Mr. Dana	£11,500	List Meriden about	£8,000
Do. Mr. Waterman	5,600	do. Cheshire	14,500
Episc.	3,000	do. Wall ^d .	20,000
	<u>£20,100</u>		<u>£40,500</u>
MR. DANA		EPISC ^o .	
Families	167	Families	38
Souls	987	Souls	252
MR. WATERMAN		Bapt. Fam.	5
Families	80	French Neutr.	2
Souls	473		<u>7</u>
		Souls in 7 fam.	38

When Rev^d. Mr. Whittelsey settled A. D. 1710, Total List of the Town was about £6000. His Salary was £100. and 3d. on the pound made £80.2.6, when Madam came. . . N. B. Of the 1750 Souls about 150 are Negroes.

Total Deaths A. D. 1759 (healthy)	19
" " 1760 (very sickly)	69
Infants of 1759	9 of 1 yr. None of 2 yrs.
Inf. of y ^r . 1760	13
Do. under 2	4

Mr. Dana says there have died of the y^r. 1761 to Oct. 12 just 28; and that rather more than common have died this year, and that he judges the mean of Deaths abt. 30. Of the 28 above were 2 under 1 y. and 1 under 2.

¹ The Rev. Timothy Pitkin, pastor of the Congregational Church.

Ind. name of Durham is Cockkinchaugk. When Mr. Nat. Chauncy went there, there were but 14 families, which came from Stratford. Mr. Nat. Chauncy Twin Son with Mr. Elnath. Chauncy of the Rev^d. Nat. Chauncy, Pastor of Hatfield (w^c. s^d. Nath^l. was Son of Presid^t. Chauncy). M^r. of Durham educated with his Uncle¹ & graduated A. D. 1701, & went to Durham about A. D. 1705 & ordained about 1711. There were 40 fam. when he was ordained. . . .

Woodbury settled fr. Stratford. Rev. Mr. Walker was a Presbyt., Mr. Israel Chauncy a Congr^t.; both preached at Stratford. At length Mr. Walker & his party on diff. moved to Woodbury about 1670. Afterwards Mr. Walker & Mr. Chauncy were friends. . . .

Goshen settled fr. Wallingford. Northbury fr. North Haven.—Mr. Moses Bocket is now living, Æt. 81, in North Haven, where he was born; so that N^o. H. was settled above 80 y. ago, or before 1680.—Quobbin² settled fr. Leicester and 4 fam. Irish. Leicester fr. T^o. about Boston. . .

Farmington had forts to defend ag^t. Inds. within Mother's memory, 40-50 years ago. . .—Quinnipiauge or New Haven purchased of Mantuese.—Mr. Prout³ says he remembers 40 Ind. Men in Town in his Memory, & heard his Mother say there were 100 Men in her Memory. . .—Mr. Prout says 50 y. ago all Inhab. in Township of N. H. met easily in Old Meet^g. House. In whole Bounds but Two Military Companies, & now 8. . . .

DOCTORS OR PHYSICIANS IN THE COUNTY OF NEW HAVEN, A. D. 1761

New Haven, Col. Hubbard	Amity, Dr. Elias Carrington
Dr. Leveret Hubbard	Dr. Jno. Andruss
Dr. Æneas Munson	Carmel, Dr. Credenton
Dr. Rhodes	N ^o . Haven, Dr. Munson
Dr. Tim ^o . Mix	

¹ Rev. Israel Chauncy, of Stratford, one of the original Trustees of Yale College.

² Greenwich, Hampshire County, Mass.

³ John Prout (Yale 1708), born in November, 1689; his mother, Mary Rutherford, born in February, 1650.

Milford, Dr. Herpin	Meriden, Dr. Hall	
Dr. Whiting	Dr. Gad Pond, Cheshire	
Darby, Dr. Sam ^l . Caulfield	Dr. Lewis, do.	
Dr. Baldwin	Guilford, Dr. Ruggles	
Waterbury, Dr. Warner	Dr. Hemsted	
Do. Do.	Dr. Redfield	
Do. Do.	Dr. Bonesetter	
Dr. Judd	Northford, Dr. Foot	
Dr. Porter	Do. Do.	
Wallingford, Dr. Hull, Cheshire	Branford, Dr. Gold	
Dr. Chapin	Dr. Torrey	33
Dr. Caleb Hall		
Dr. Thomas		

LAWYERS IN CO. NEW HAVEN

Elihu Hall, Esq.
 Jared Ingersoll, Esq.
 James Hillhouse, Esq.
 Joshua Chandler, Esq.
 ——— Adams, Esq.¹

Rev^d. Mr. Noyes settled at New Haven A. D. 1716. He preached the first Sermon ever preached in North Haven, before it was made a Parish. . .

YALE COLLEGE.

The College was moved from Saybrook to New Haven, A. D. 1717. There were Eight Trustees at the Meeting when the Vote passed, of which 5 for N. H.; at this Meeting, 17th Oct., 1716, at N. H., Rev^d. Mr. Noyes, Stonington, not present. Hartford Co. offered to give 6 or 700 for the College to be moved into that County. New Haven Donations given & offered Oct., 1716, amounted to £1600. Rev^d. Mr. Noyes, Lyme, was silent after his Nephew was settled at N. H. There were but 9 Trustees capable of acting in 1716, of w^c. 5 were in the Vote; & of the other four one was absent, but he had a Son then just settled at N. H. There was indeed a Tenth Trustee, Mr. Mather, of Windsor, disabled by illness, but had by Letter to Rev. Mr. Pierpont formerly signified his Approbation of N. H. And Mr. Noyes of Stonington gave certain Intimations of his Mind for N. H. and afterwards signed the doings of the Trustees. Thus 6 Trustees at least & if we take

¹ These were all Yale graduates,—Hall in 1731, Ingersoll in 1742, Hillhouse in 1749, Chandler in 1747, and Joseph Adams in 1740.

the Approb^a. of Mr. Mather before he lost the Use of Reason, this is 7 for N. H. out of 11, the Number allowed by Charter. The whole Colony was at this Time only in 4 Counties, Fairfield, N. Haven, Hartford, N. Lond.

Extract from a MS. Piece I found in Rev^d. Jos. Noyes' Library at New Haven, dated 1716; I suppose intended for the press.

. . . Nov. 14, 1761. Dr. Moffat¹ tells me that Mr. Scott came into N. Eng. in 1760, sent by Earl of Bute & Mr. Pitt to reconoitre the British Provinces & take an accurate Survey & Acco^l. of their present State. I was in Company with Mr. Scott at Mr. Heatly's. He had been an Officer in the Prussian Service. Was at the Taking of Guadaloup, and last Winter wrote an Answer to Dr. Franklin's "Interest of the British Colonies" & printed it at N. York, tho' the Title page bears printed in London. But I do not believe that there were any Connexions between Mr. Scott and the Earl of Bute or Mr. Pitt, especially the latter.

Dr. Eliot told me that some years ago, perhaps 40, the People of Hartford Chh. were involved in a great Dispute whether Saturday or Lordsday Evenings were to be observed as holy Time. Connecticut universally, i. e., generally in every Town, observe Saturday Evening as holy Time now, 1761.

CHHS. IN CONNECTICUT THAT SING DR. WATTS' VERSION OF PSALMS
OR TATE & BRADY

New Haven, Whittelsey	Wallingford, Waterman
Bird	Cheshire, Hall
College	Killingworth, Dr. Eliot—
Trumble	first Watts, now Tate
Street	Norwich, Mr. Lord—Tate
Williston	N. London, Mr. Byles—Tate

Col. Worthington² tells me that the new County set off to West of Hampshire Co. contained 700 fam. A. D. 1760, when it was made. . .

¹ Thomas Moffatt, of Newport. See Stiles's *Diary*, i, 387.

² John Worthington (Yale 1740), of Springfield, Mass.

Stratford, Fairfield, Stamford called themselves belonging to Connect. in Hartford Colony till the Union. So also Long-Island Inhab. used to send their Deputies to Connect. Assembly to Hartford in Canoes till the Conquest of N. York. I suppose the Settlement¹. West of Stratford River issued fr. Connect. Colony, except that Green's Farms was settled by four Men from England directly.

Ludlow¹ granted to Hall & Lee & Proprietors 71; half in Farmington, the other half equally to Wallingford & N. Haven people.

Br. Basil Munson and Sister Kezia Stiles were married May 2, 1751; and Br. Isaac Stiles was married May 1, 1750.

Rev^d. Messrs. Whiting & Haynes, Colleagues of Chh. of Hartford. The people liking Haynes best voted a little more Salary to him. Mr. Whiting was offended & set up for Congregational & Mr. Hains Presbyt. The Chh. divided & Mr. Whiting set up the new Chh. N. B. Mr. Hooker, first Minister, was a Congreg. Ex ore Dr. Eliot.—Stanford Chh. was Independent. . . .

Oct. 31, 1761. I paid fourty Shilling lawful Money, inclusive of one dollar pd. him last Spring, to Jared Spencer of East Haddam for my Right in Lempster,² a new Township about 6 Miles East of N^o. IV, or Charlestown on Connect. River; and took his Receipt in full for said Right & all Charges arisen thereon or should arise till the Survey of one Lot besides the settling Lot. So that I have nothing more to pay till after a second Division is finished, having paid for my part of the Expence of s^d. Second Division. . . .

Mr. Hill says, Nayohygunsic signifies a Rock partly out & partly in the Water off ag^t. B^o. Neck.

Jno. Paul, a Narrag. Ind. Æt. 30, bro't up & living with Col. Stanton at Charlest^o., told me sundry Customs of Indians. Since he can remember he saw a Wedding accord^d to old Indian Way.

¹ In Windsor County, Vt.

² In Sullivan County, N. H.

The pair were shut up together a fortnight in a Wigwaum by themselves, the parents only bringing them Victuals. Then the old Indians bro't a Blanket to the young Squaw, which she receiv^d., the Peage was mutually given & exchanged, w^c. was to be kept in perpetuum. Then they made a feast, & the old Indians talkt to the couple, rejoyced & made merry & so the Wedding concluded. This he says he saw when he was a little Boy. They now mostly disuse this Ceremony, and are either married according to Eng. Custom or take one another without Ceremony. He said he himself was married, that he took his Wife without any formality, except mutual Agreem^t.

Ninegret's Tribe.—Ancient custom if children were so undutiful & rebellious as to strike a parent, punished by holding his hands on a stone & with a stone mash & pound the nails clear off.

G^t. Grandfather of present Ninecraft married a Pequot of high Blood. All got drunk one night, & the King waking found his Sunk¹ lying near another Ind. & was jealous. He took his Knife & cut three Strokes on each Cheek of his Wife in derision for Adultery & sent her home to the Pequots. This happened after he had been married some years, & had 2 Sons, Charles & George by her first. This incensed the Pequots who formed an Attempt to Revenge, but Col. Stanton prevented it. This was in old Mr. Noyes' Life Time, about 45 years ago. The Pequots begged the Eng. to let them fight, because they said their Blood had been disgraced. Blood for Blood.

Sachem Charles gave to each Ind. that went ag^t. Cape Breton 1745 farms by Deed in Cook's T^o. or Jno. Town in upper End of Charlest^o., accord^d to his promise at Enlisting. Those who died, he gave deed to y^r. Heirs.

Dr. Babcock² tells me, at a Powaw at Cook's T^o., N. E. fr. Dr. Babcock's, the Ind. all assembled in a Drought to powaw for Rain. After several Days Capt. Jno. Babcock³, Uncle to Dr., being then young came from home about 10 Mile, & called off his Father's Indians, upbraid^d them with folly, &c. Upon w^c. one of the Powaws stept out & said, "You are proud, young Man", &c., &c. *"If I was to beat you, would you cry to me or to your Father 10*

¹ Indian name for Queen, as Sachem for King.

² Joshua Babcock (Yale 1724). of Westerly, R. I.

³ Born about 1657.

Miles off." (About 70 or 80 y. ago.) "Before you get home it will rain". Accord^{ly} Mr. Babcock went home wet with a heavy Rain.

. . The Cove up Pequot River that turns to Eastward of Norwich called Pocatunnuc.—Miantonomy's Widow was Wauwalloüm. . .—Shemúnganue, about 3 M. N^o. of Col. Stanton's, joins on a large fresh pond.—Puckhunganuc, a place about 5 M. north-westerly fr. the Confluence of Paucatuc & Ashawauge, w^c last River runs by it. . . .—Shannoc, Ind. Name for Squirrels, fr. w^c. Shannoc in Richmond on Paucatuc is famous. . .

The Pequots encroached on East side Paucatuc. Soso, a Warrior, offered Miantinomy to extirpate 'em, & Miant. promised him the Territory Missquammit. Soso performed a valorous fight, & rec^d. of Myant. Wampum Belt, &c., but did not extirpate Pequots. The Eng. 1637 conquered 'em. Afterwards Pequots gathered at Misquam., & Myant. & Uncas enter into a League to extirpate the Name of Pequot. In Instrum^t. written signed by the Ind. expressly owned that Misquam. was the English's by Conquest. Quest., whether this proves that Myant. judged the feudal Propriety of Misquam. was not passed into Soso?—Soso made a Deed 1659 to Stanton, Mosier, Longbottom, Vaughn & Fairfield & their Associates.

Record of Soso Case in Office of Clerk of Sup^r. Court in S^o. Kingston. £71. Old Ten^r. Cost of Copy. Costs in Eng. £235. ster. . . .

Epitaph by Mr. Worthington of Norwich, Father of Rev^d. Mr. Worth^e. of Saybrook, on a Stone at Mohege

"Here lies the Body of SUNSEETO
Own Son to Uncas Grandson to ONEKO
Who were the famous Sachems of MOHEGAN
But now they are all dead, I think it is Werheegen¹"

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- I. Old Nínegret had a Son—
 - II. Ninigret who married: 1. a Pequot, by whom he had one daughter & one son, both of w^c. died without Issue. 2. Mary, Sister to Waumpsitter, Sachem at Updike's N^o.

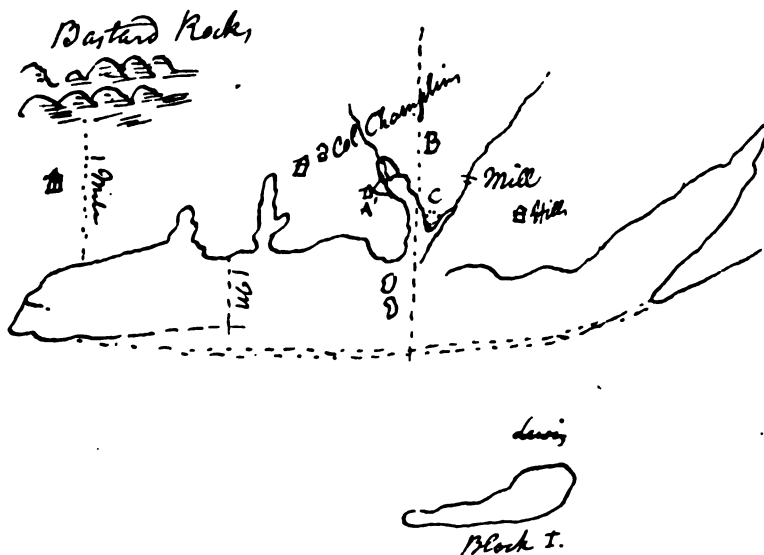
¹ Note by Dr. Stiles: Ind. "all's well" or "good news."

- Kingston, by whom no Issue. 3. a Pequot Squaw, by whom he had two Sons, Charles & George, no daughters. He died about 1720, Æt. about between 60 & 70.
- III. Charles Ninegret succeeded. Married his Cousin, Mary Waumpsitta, & made a gr^t. Wedding. Had several Concubines. By one of his Concubines (called Queen Kate by the Indians, because a King's Concub., not of royal Blood) he had a Son called Charles, who died 1761 without Issue, except one bastard Child.
- IV. George, Br. to Charles (III^d. Sach.) succeeded, & married his Cousin Sarah Ninecraft: by whom he had Thos. George, and Esther: died 1745.
- V. Thomas, an Inf^t., succeeded. Married Moll Drummer, 1761.

. . . . Oct. 31, 1761. In Charlest^o. Narragst. I overtook Jno. Paul, a Narrag. Indian. Among other Ind. Customs I inquired as to Fornication, and as far as I could disclose from him (& he talked freely) the Indians ever abhorrd Bastardy, & originally put to Death the Mothers of Bastards. But at the same Time the youth of both Sexes most freely indulged themselves in the Acts of Coition. That it was a Custom for the young Squaws to tell their Mothers & talk over before Fathers & Mothers their Amours, & tell who had to do with them at such a Time & who at another, & how much they had given them by the young Men: for the young Squaws were always paid for it. And in Case any failed, the young Squaw when she next saw him in Company would go up to him & take away his Blanket or Gun, & it was esteemed so great a Meanness to resist, that the young man never made any opposition. . . .

Jno. Paul told me that accord^g to Ind. Custom there was no manner of Restraint—if the Boys & Girls agreed. I observed this promiscuous Commerce must be often attended with pregnancy, & one would expect that the greater part of Births must be illegitimate, & yet I had often heard that the Indians would kill the Mother of a Bastard. To this he said, they abhorred Bastards & their Mothers, & he believed would put to death both & they were caught, before the English came. That Multitudes of Girls were caught & proved pregnant; and that they had or used to have a sort of old Women who procured Abortions by profession; that the Girls &

their parents & these old Squaws took especial precaution & care to force Abortions which was a general & customary Thing. Nevertheless that every now & then they would go out their Term & be delivered of living Infants, being unable with all their Roots, Powders, & Drinks to procure Abortions. In these Cases the young Squaws took Care to be delivered alone in the Woods or among Rocks, & instantly to make way with & kill the foetus as soon as born. And, says he, "the Rocks yonder about a Mile was a place where they killed so many Infants, & their Bones lay about



A. Sachems House where Capt. Lewis lived.

B. pl. where being at Noon I saw Block I. West End, under the sun.

C. Ruins of Fort which Ninigret the Great Grandf. of present Sachem built, which Mr. Hill saw 55 y. ago & saw the pickets standing, viz. Cedar Poles sharpened atop. Built agt. the Mohocks.

so thick, that they go by the name of the Bastard Rocks to this Day." We were perhaps half a Mile East of Col. Stanton's on the Road. I think he added he had often seen Multitudes of Bones there. But he said it was a Thing that might be depended upon that they used to make away with their Bastards & never dare to be seen with them. That this was the original Custom, and he believed the Indians would originally put to death any that appeared

with Bastards. But that after the Eng. came, those Squaws that lived with the Eng. & proved pregnant & unmarried, the Eng. endeavored all they could to prevent either forced abortions or after-Deaths. And that now for a long Time the Squaws being able to fly to the English & sheltered have very much dropt both these Customs & especially the last, so that they never kill any Bastards, or if they do, it is done with greatest Secrecy. But with respect to Coition promiscuous before Marriage, the Custom yet continues upon the old footing of being paid for it.

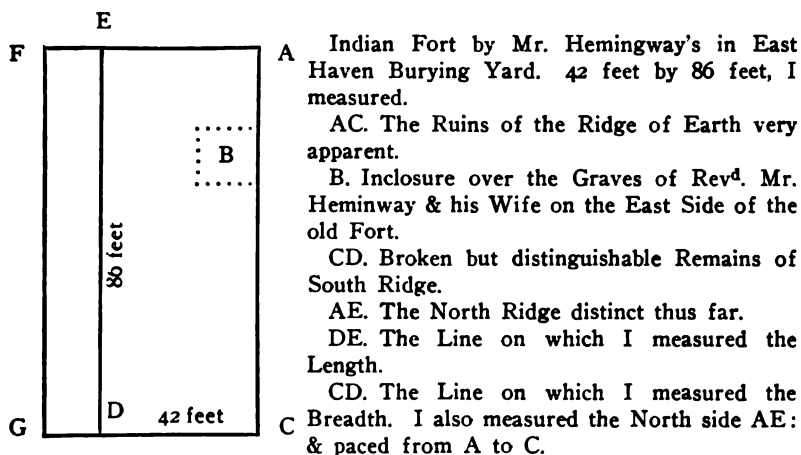
Thus what has been said of Ind. Chastity & Looseness are both true in a sense, & both in a sense false.

As the Rh. Island Reg^t. was passing from Albany to Fort Stanwix they encamped one Night by the Mohoques. The Sachem came to Col. Babcock and made him an Offer of all the young Squaws of his Tribe for the Use of his Regiment that Night. The Colonel thanked him for his civil Hospitality but declined accepting the offer, alledging it would make his men so distracted as not to be under Command. On which the proposal was not mentioned to the common Soldiers of the Regiment, who know nothing of it. But I received it in such a manner as I depend upon it for a fact. . . .

Jno. Paul further told me that the Wampum mutually exchanged at the Wedding was kept. And in Case any one was tired with his Wife, he went and returned the Wampum to her parents or next relation, and this was accepted a sufficient Divorce. He thinks that the parents at marriage mutually exchange different Belts of Wampum. But I remember when a young Man was courting a Girl in Farmington (an Ind. place) it was said at last tho' with great Difficulty she was bro't to it "that she gave up her Waumpum", that is she complied, in allusion to a Custom among young Indian Squaws. Hence to be inquired, whether the Waumpum which the young Man's Father presented to the Squaw's father was not circulated to the Daughter, & upon her giving it up to the young man to be kept as a Pledge & Memorial of the contract, the Bargain finished? This Waumpum the Man might return to the parents, &c., & then he was divorced.

I have been often told that a pregnant Squaw will turn aside & deliver herself, & take up the Infant & wash it in a Brook, & walk off. They do not lye by the Month; but make little more about Pregnancy & Lying in than the Cows.

The Nihantic Englishman I rode with told me that after the Ceremony of throwing the Blanket in Marriages, one of the old Indians stood up & said or exhorted & charged to this effect: "You (Man) must take good Care to hunt Deer, &c., & fish & provide Meat for your Squaw." And "you (Squaw) must take care to plant & hoe Corn & bring wood & cook Victuals for your Sannup." But said nothing about Chastity or fidelity to the bed. But as far as I can learn they were very strict on this head. So that a Sannup always put away his Squaw in Case of Adultery; and if she was of the royal Blood, she was cut on the Cheek with three strokes of a Knife as a Mark of Infamy. Thus about 45 years ago old Ninigrate marked his Pequot Wife & put her away; Mrs. Babcock, Dr. Babcock's Lady, told me she had often seen Ninigreet's Squaw thus markt after he had put her away. . . .



As we could not distinguish the West ridge before we came to a fence which we tho't. might possibly stand on it, Mr. Street who was with me having walked from A to C about 30 paces, also walkt from each of those Corners A & C to F & G 30 paces each; tho' we could not discern or distinguish the Ridges beyond D & E by reason of Graves & a Road. But Mr. Goodsell afterwards told us the West Ridge did not extend to the fence. On the whole the fort could not exceed 86 feet sqr., & most probably was nearly 86 by 70.

L Stephen Goodyear	C Ens. Doolittle
L Capt. Ives	L Ben. Do.
C Jon ^a . Alling	N Eph. Andruss
L Jno. Ives	L Elvin Bradly
Ant ^o . Tompson	C Lem. Do.
L Old Mr. Pardy	N Serj. Grannis
C Ben Do.	L Sam ^l . Hitchcock
C Serj. Goodyear	L Jno. Do.
L Abm. Gilbert	L ——— Allen
C Theoph. Goodyear	L ——— Rexford
L Jesse Do.	L Thos. Pardy
L Asa Do.	L Jac. Hotchkiss
L Serj. Cooper	L Noah Wolcott
L David Allen	L Amos Peck
L Nathan Do.	L Step. Basset
L Jabez Hotchkiss	L Gam. Bradly
L Dan. Leek	L Jos. Mansfield
L Serj. Wolcott	C Elisha Bradly
L Caleb Andruss	N Theop. Tuttle (Dana)
C Jon ^a . Dickerman	N Abner Todd (single)
Ser Bristol	C Jos. Ives
C Dan. Bradly	C ——— Beach
C ——— Do.	N Lieut. Perit
C Basil Munson	C Wait Chatterton
C Dan Sperry	C ——— Perkins

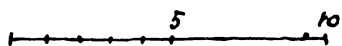
Liberty	31
Consoc.	21
Neuters	6
	58

List about £6000. Total fam. perhaps 65 or 70.

. . . North Haven Meeting House, 65 by 44.

Sister Ruth's Bible much read in Job & Psalms & some in Isaiah. Then Matthew—then the Epistles, especially James, Peter & Revelation. So also the Gospel of Jno. something read. She died Aug., 1759, Æ. 15¼, a Communicant in Father's Chh.—Northhaven old & first meetinghouse built about 1717. All the Men in the Parish at Raising, & when they had finished Raising sat round on the Sill of the house which was about 30 by 40. . . .

In 1755 or beginn^g of War 20 Male Indians in Milford, of w^c. 14 adults. Now, 1761, not one: but 3 or 4 Squaws.—100 Boys (English) under 16 Æt. in Mt. Carmel, 1761. . . .



Mills on Mill River

- A. Brooks: Saw
- B. Jones: - Saw & print
- C. Chatterton: S.
- D. Bradleys: S
- E. Dickinson: S.
- F. Basil Mansons: S.
- G. Joel Mansons: S. & G.
- H. Todd: S. Todd's G.
- I. Bradley's: G.
- K. Holchiffs: G.
- L. Sam: G. . . 14.
- M. Eastham Ferry



SKETCH OF MOUNT CARMEL REGION, IN HAMDEN

Mr. James Cary of Newport, who died May, 1761, Æt. circ. 82, gave me a written Memorand. a little before his Death of the Number of Names in the List or Rate Bill of this Town, of which he was Collector of Rates for several years. Perhaps 120 names might be Widdows, &c.

In the year 1748 were 728 Names.
Do. 1756 1069 Do.

Oct. 28, 1761. Sam^l. Niles,¹ Narrag. Ind. Minister, with sundry Narraganset & Mohegan Ind. & Sachem Uncas were assembled at Nihantic for religious preaching, where they all gathered & met in a House of Two Rooms, which would contain about as much as two Wigwaums & ½ . . .

Gov. Fitch² told me that he thinks Mr. Sherwood's³ is the first ordination, in which the Consociation of Fairfield was assembled by the Moderator. At most this practice is but of about six years' Standing, & he thinks in but three Instances in that County.

Rev^d. Mr. Todd of East Guilford was at Mr. Bartlit's Ordination at Reading in Fairfield Co. about 7 or 8 years ago. Mr. Mills was Moderator of Ord. Council. He said the Chh. ought to have sent to Mr. Todd's Chh. Mr. Todd preached Ord. Sermon, but was without a Messenger, neither he nor his Chh. being sent to by the Chh. of Reading. There was present another Minister of that County occasionally who had not been sent to nor his Chh., & Mr. Case, another Minister formerly, but now pastor of no Chh. Mr. Mills put all these to Vote in the Council, & the Council received & incorporated them as Members of the Ord. Council. Mr. Todd remarkt that he then tho't Fairfield more lax than any County. . . .

70 fighting Men of Mohawks at beginning of this War, as Col. N. Whiting says.—Ind. Sachems have Royalties, as all white Deer, first Bass, all white Bears.—All Inds. leave Wigwaums when an Indian died. . .—About Time of Sale of new Towns, Connect., Dr. Eliot bo't 600 Acres in Kent for £240, now worth several Thousand Proc. . . .

¹ See Stiles's *Diary*, i, 232-33.

² Thomas Fitch (Yale 1721), of Norwalk, Fairfield County, Conn.

³ Samuel Sherwood (Yale 1749), ordained in Norfield Parish in Fairfield, now Weston, Conn., on August 17, 1757.

Killingworth settled from Windsor & Hartford. Tradition that Mr. Woodbridge's¹ Wife being Gov. Leete's D. was uneasy at the narrow State of Killingworth, he moved to Hartford, when Killingw. was 20 y. without Minister, in w^c Time it was remarkt they did not increase & were no richer. The Children moved off. On Mr. Pierson's² settling they thrived for 13 years. Ex ore Dr. Jared Eliot. . . .

Rev^d. Mr. Whittelsey of Milford tells me that Chh. was gath^d. by seven for this reason assigned in the Records that in Complaint, &c., the offending & offended Brothers make 2, & the Brother to be taken in Company makes 3. They are to tell it to the Chh., which at least must be 4 more. 4 & 3 make 7. . . .

At Rev^d. Mr. Hunn's³ Ordination the Letters Missive were read publickly at the Time of Ordination.—A. D. 1737 Mr. Whittelsey was ordained at Milford by a Council, consisting partly of Ministers & Messengers of N. H. Co., together with Chhs. of Killingworth & Farmington & their pastors, Rev^d. Dr Eliot & Whitman. Mr. Whitman & Mr. Hemingway were Moderators. On a Question whether they should be considered as a Consociation or Ordinat. Council, they resolved for the latter. . . .

The Chh. of Guilford so Congr. that they beset old Dr. Rosseter's⁴ House & would have shot him because of his being a Presbyterian. . . .

At Norfolk, 1756, there were but 12 fam., and now, 1761, there are 65. Mr. Robbins⁵ to have £70. Salary & Settlem^t., a Right of 400 Acres.—Rev. Phil. Robbins ordained at Branford Feb. 7, 1733, when he judges were about 120 fam. in his Parish; now 165, A. D. 1761. In this Parish have died in

¹ John Woodbridge, first minister of Killingworth, removed to Wethersfield in 1679.

² Abraham, Pierson, first Rector of Yale College. was the minister of Killingworth, now Clinton, from 1694 to 1707.

³ Nathaniel Hunn (Yale 1731) ordained in Redding, Conn., on March 21, 1733.

⁴ Bray or Bryan Rosseter, died 1672.

⁵ Ammi Ruhamah Robbins (Yale 1760), son of Rev. Philemon Robbins of Branford, was called to Norfolk in September, 1761.

A. D. 1735	14	Whites	2	Blacks	1749	25	2	1 Ind.
1736	13		2		1750	13	1	
1737	11		1		1751	19	1	
1738	11		1		1752	14	0	
1739	19		1		1753	16	1	1
1740	12		1		1754	14	3	
1741	12		1		1755	12	1	
1742	10		0		1756	14	1	
1743	9		0		1757	20	0	
1744	12		1		1758	15	0	
1745	7		2		1759	14	1	
1746	9		1		1760	17	1	
1747	23		4					
1748	10		2					
						351		

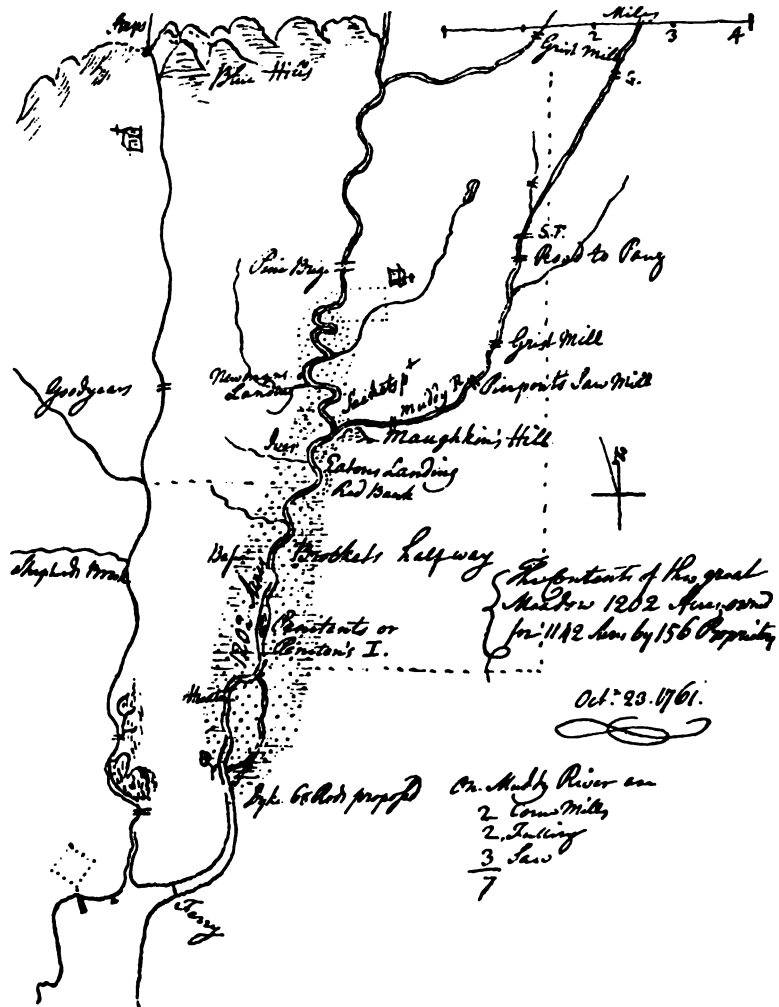
Marriages 64 for Ten years fr. A. D. 1741 to 1751 by Mr. Robbins. . .

The Senecas are estimated for Number of Warriors to be half the Six Nations; the Onondagaes the greatest Warriors; the Onoydaes the greatest Rogues; the Mohawks the best Counsellors; Cayugaes piddling folks; Tuscarores fierce & warm people, not so good for Counsel or firm in War as the others. . . .

Oct. 24, 1761. This Epitaph I left with my Mother to be engraved on my Father's Tombstone, but that engraved was a little different:—

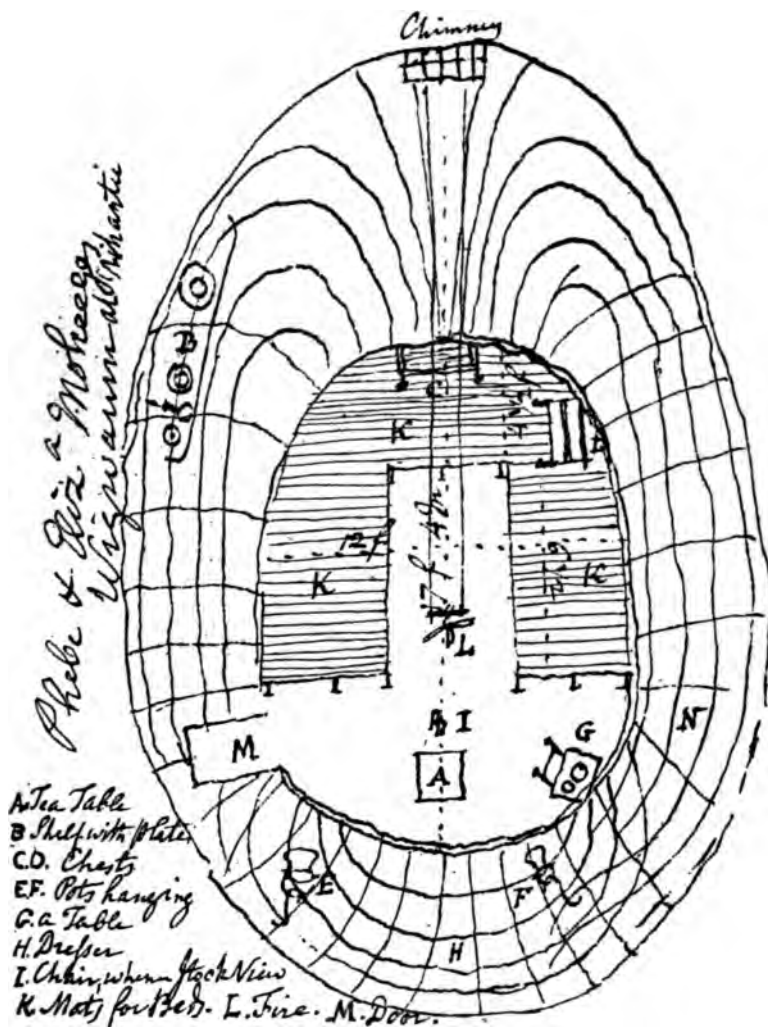
In Memory
of the Reverend Isaac Stiles
Late Pastor of the Church
In North Haven.
He was born in Windsor
July 30th, 1697.
Received a liberal Education
at Yale College;
The academic honors 1722;
Ordained
To the pastoral Office
Nov^r. 11th, 1724;
And died May 14th, 1760, æt. 63.
In the 36th year of his Ministry.
He was endowed with a florid Elocution
And natural Oratory,
Heightened by an intimate Acquaintance
With the sacred Scriptures

A warm Advocate
For Liberty of Conscience
Replete
Tempered with generous Sentiments
Of Benevolence & Christian charity
To all Mankind



[The accompanying sketch represents the valley of the Quinnipiac River, north of New Haven harbor, covering Hamden and North Haven.]

. . . Inquire for the Heirs of Jos. Greenhill,¹ late of Bristol, dec^d., w^c. Joseph was Br. & Heir to David Greenhill in England. [Added later:] Ans. Sarah Roffey, Sen^r., of Bristol, Wid., Sister to s^d. Jos., has her Life in Estate. She has a daughter married.



Most Wigwams have another Door at N. right opposite to M. Height 10 f. 5 in. 12 persons lodged here, viz. 5 Men, 8 Women, Oct. 28, 1761.

¹ Died Dec. 6, 1754.

. . . Benáumakéeh } Devil, in East Haven Indian Language.
Hobbomaukh }

James Mēēh-yeúh, Sachem of the East Haven Indians, died about 1745 at Cheshire. His Son James Mennauqueh died at Darby 1758. 300 Indian Men in Arms assembled in East Haven at a grand Council.—Eliz. Mohege's Wigwaum at Nehantic, an Oval or Ellipse $17\frac{1}{2}$ by 12 feet. Sachem's Wigwaums it is said used to be double, with two Fire places & Smoke holes atop. . . In Nehantic Language, Chebi, a Spirit or Apparition; Gansic, a pl. of defence. . . Sam^l. Niles, Ind., told me the Ind. pronunciation of Narraganset was Nahhygunset, perhaps spelt Nahhygaunsic.—The Montaughk Indians about 20 or 30 fam. A. D. 1761.

. . . Names of Inds. w^c. Nov. 18, 1651, acceded to an agreem^t. with the Townsmen of Pequot,¹ signed by "Casesynamon, his Mark": 1. Casasinamon; 2. Poquotoognause; 3. Otkēneunee, alias Nicholas; 4. Codypoonush; 5. Obbachickwood; 6. Neesouwéégun, alias Daniel; 7. Cutchámaguin; 8. Máhmawámbam. . .—The last Sachem of the Pequots or rather of the Cassinnoman Branch of the Pequots was I think Schaudaub, who died about 1740. . .—Mohocks called by Inds. Mauggh, Mōgguh, Mohock, Mauqua or Maqua.—Nihantic Tribe first lived at Fort Chebygaup, next at Griswold's Farm, last where now. . .—Uncle Coit² appointed by the Assembly Guardian of the Pequot Tribe, which about 1755 consisted of about 72 Souls above 14 Æt., accord^d to acco^t. then taken. Uncle is now their Guardian. The Moheges have no Communication with Pequots.

MILLS³ ON RIPTON RIVER

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|---------------------------------------|-----------------|
| 1. Col. Wooster's S. | 8. Hide's S. |
| 2. Mr. Tomlinson's S. | 9. Abbot's G. |
| 3. Wooster's S., G., & Iron Works | 10. Lane's S. |
| 4. Hawley's, Oyl, Fulling, Paper Mill | 11. Hurd's S. |
| 5. Beard's S., G. | 12. Lewis' S. |
| 6. Goodwin's G. | 13. Hawley's S. |
| 7. Lewis' S. | |

¹ New London, Conn.

² Daniel Coit, of New London, who married a sister of Dr. Stiles's step-mother.

³ The initials indicate Saw and Grist Mills.

. . . Mantueese & his Wife Ann, only Inds. in Guilford, he of Nihantic.—. . . Gov. Fitch told me that the Training List was but $\frac{3}{4}$ of the List of men obliged to keep Arms in Connecticut.—Gov. Fitch told me that in 1758, i. e., 3 yrs. after the Census, he took Acco^t. of the 13 Reg^{ts}. in Connect. & found the Militia about 500 short of what they were before, in 1755 or 1756, when they were 20,000.—A. D. 1758, Connect. voted & raised near 5000 Men for Provincials in the Service; these I suppose were not included in Gov. Fitch's List of 1758. . .—East Haven 140 fam. & about 8000 in List.—A Stanford Man said he judged the proportion of Chhmen. to Presbyterians in Norwalk one Third—Stanford one Quarter—Greenwich Half a Quarter. Oct., 1761.

. . . Weetuck's name was called Maushump by the Long I. Indians.—Simsbury called Mussaúco; of w^c. the Sachem was Arrhamámmet, not Arramaummet, when English first bought, about 1650.—About 40 Ind. men at Montauge on Long Island.—Col. Talcott says that old Col. Wadsworth of Durham had the MS. History of the hungry March of 500 English & 300 Indians. The first action committed in the Northwest parts of Narraganset or Rhode Island Colony; then the Indians gathered at Brimfield, where we routed them; then at Westfield, & lastly they gathered at Stockbridge or Housatonnoc, being pursued from Westfield; at Housatonic the English overtook & gave them a most shock^d Defeat, w^c was the last Battle—the Inds. then fleeing to Skantecook on Hudson's River.

The Button Trees set round the Sqr. Green at New Haven, A. D. 1759, about 250 Trees.¹ . . .

Uncas had a Quarrel with Arrahmahmet about 1654 which bro't on War. Uncas sent one of his Warriors to take & burn an out Wigwawm in Night, kill & burn & leave the Marks of Mohawks. Done. Arahma^t. ascribed Mischief to Mohock & they pursued them N. West. And then Uncas gained Time to equip his men

¹ According to Jared Eliot's *Sixth Essay on Field Husbandry*, 1759, p. 25, those trees were partly buttonwood and partly elm; one of the buttonwoods is still standing (1915).

& afterward subjugated Aramamet—& Podunk became tributary to Uncas ever after.

Kockopotānauh lived & died at Darby, Sachem of Darby, Milford & Stratford Indians. Had under him 60 men in Mrs. Hemingway's Memory. She is *Æt.* 57, A. D. 1761. He died in Chesnut Time, A. D. 1731.—Mr. Hemingway died Oct. 7, 1754, *æt.* 71, of his ministry 50. When he first preached at East Haven he said there was above 100 fighting men Inds. in East Haven Parish. . .

May 31, 1762. John Whiting¹, of Newport, Esq., just returned from N^o. Carolina by Land tells me that he procured an Estimate of the Tithables or Polls in the Province of North Carolina—and that the Total was about 34,000. The Tithables consist of all the Male Whites of 16 *Æt.* & upwards, and the blacks of that age of both Sexes—and that the blacks made about one Third of the whole. So there must be White fencible Men about 22,000, which if but a fifth of Souls makes 110,000 Total of Inhabit. Whites. Connecticut in 1755 had 20,100 Militia and 133,000 White Inhabitants. So that N^o. Carolina may have nearly as many Souls Whites in 1762 as Connect. had in 1755.

He also told me that he was at Williamsburg & visited William & Mary College, when the President, Mr. Yates, told him the Number of Students was seventy five, chiefly Boys & few about 15 *Æt.*, and that they seldom conferred Degrees. That each Student paid but £13. per ann. for Board, Wood, Candles, Washing & Tuition; but that it really cost the College about £20. for each student per ann., of which all above £13. was supplied out of the College Funds. That there were six Masters or Professors besides the President . . .

May 31, 1762. Set out from Newport at 3 o'clock P. M. & rode to Brightman's in Freetown, about 1½ Mile above Fall River. . .

June 1. This Morning viewed Mr. Brightman's Orchard (which I suppose was set out since Philip's Indian War, 1675), and tho' it was set thick, yet the Trees are generally above 30 feet and many above 40. I measured with a scale Ten feet high in the Body of one Tree, and then judged that the height of the Tree was more

¹ Yale College 1726.

than four Times this ten feet . . I cast my tied Garters round it & found it measured five feet seven Inches Girt at six feet high . . .

I visited and took a Draught of Waughtuppa: the upper pond rather longer than the lower and about 4 miles long & at a mean half a mile wide . . From Wattuppa Gut I rode about 4 miles near due South & came to the E. & West Rode from Howland's ferry to Acushnet. Dined at Antony's on East side of Coaxet Bridge. From Ferry to Coaxet Bridge Ten Miles—thence to Acushnet 10 M.—thence 7 m. to Barrows in Rochester, where I put up. . . In Freetown are a Body of Presbyterians, perhaps 50 fam. or one Third of the Town; the other two Thirds Quakers & Bapt., the latter the biggest, but have no meetinghouse.

Dartmouth is divided into three Villages, Coaxit, Poneganset, & Acushenut. Coaxit lies on the West side of the whole Town, & on both sides the River & may be 12 Miles long at least. In Dartmouth are 1 Presb. meeting, at Acushnet, the only one in Town. The rest of the people are Bapt. & Friends, the latter the most, having four Meetings, one at lower Coaxit, 1 at upper Coxit, 1 at Poneganset, & 1 at Acushnet. Upper Coaxit may be 25 feet sq., the other three large.

Rochester has near one Quarter Inhab. Quakers.

The N. E. Corner of Rh. Isld. is on the East side the upper Wattuppa & about $1\frac{1}{4}$ M. above the Gut; & the East Line takes in all S°. Wattuppa. About half a mile East of the sd. So. Pond there is a range of Cedar Swamp $1\frac{1}{2}$ long & $\frac{1}{4}$ M. wide—and between that & the Pond a Shrub plain of the same Dimensions, on which against the So. End I saw Pasture Grass or Meadow Land made out of sd. Plain, w^c a Farmer there living told me he had offered one Hundred Pounds B°. Old Tenor per acre or £10. ster., and said that some Shrub Plains made the best of Land. . . Mr. Bours owned 400 Acres adjoyn^g. the East side of No. Pond good Land—his sons sold it this year for Two Dollars per Acre, but sd. to be cheap. . . Two Indian Families in Town of Rochester, one Widow, the other the only adult Man—has eight Daughters. . .

June 3. Rode fr. Rochester Meetingh. 13 Miles to Sandwich Meetingh. For the first 7 M. to head of Buzzard's Bay, E. 1 pt. N., thence to Sandw. Meetingh. due East, perhaps southerly. Three M. beyond Quinsuit lies Pomspisset or Herring R., which I rode

over; it is a Brook not one Rod wide. They were barrelling Herring and told me they caught about four Hundred Barrels in a Season. The Brook seemed full of them; they catch them in Scoop Nets at this shallow place about 3 or 4 Miles from the Sea. The Pomspisset issues from two Ponds about 5 Miles fr. the Sea, one of w^c. contains 200 Acres. . . . I particularly remarked the Land between this and Sandw. 3 M., because it has been proposed at this place to cut a Canal & open a communication between Buzzd's. Bay & Cape Cod Bay. Tho' the Land abounds with hillocks & unevenesses where the Road crosses Pomspisset, yet 150 Rods below is even & so continues thro' Woodland & light Soil for half or three quarters of a Mile, when the Level is continued by a Cedar Swamp & low swampy Land from which arises a Brook which runs east into the East Bay. A Canal cut half a mile would open Water Communication all across deep eno' to carry a Canoe. But how the Case would be if the Canal should be dug deep eno' to let in Plymouth Sea, I can't tell. I asked a Man whose Lands would be in Danger of flooding how much Land would be spoilt, he said 'a great deal'. There are about a Dozen farms & Meadows might be hurt, perhaps 200 Acres of good Land for Engl. Grass. . .

As I passed round the head of Buzzard's Bay at N. East at & about Quinsuit appeared great Quantity of Shells, which indicate the ancient Residence of Indians—but now all gone. From Mr. Williams & an Indian Æt. 84 I learned that originally there were three Sachemdoms on the Cape:—A, The Dominion of Sanchum Quichâtset, which included the Head of Buzzard's Bay across to Moynt & along shore to Barnstable; B, The Domin. of the *South Sea* Indians w^c include the Mashpee Tribe; C, [blank]

Mr. Williams told me that on the Road from Sandwich to Plymouth there is a large Stone or Rock in a place free of Stones; and that the Indians immemorially have been used, whenever & as often as they pass this large Stone, to cast a Stone or piece of Wood upon it. That Stones not being plenty, pieces of Wood is most commonly used, & that there will once in a few years be a large Pile on the Stone, which is often consumed by the firing of the Woods for Deer. That the Inds. continue the Custom to this day, tho' they are a little ashamed the English should see them, & accordingly when walking with an Eng. they have made

a path round at a quarter Mile's Distance to avoid it. There is also at a little Distance another Stone which they also inject upon, but pass it with less scruple; but are so scrupulous that none was even known to omit casting Stones or Wood on the other. . . . The Indians being asked the reason of their Custom & Practice, say they know nothing about it, only that their Fathers & their Grandfathers & Great Gr^dfathers did so, and charged all their Children to do so; and y^t. if they did not cast a Stone or piece of Wood on that Stone as often as they passed by it, they would not prosper, & particularly should not be lucky in hunting Deer. But if they duly observed this Custom, they should have success. The English call them the Sacrificing Rocks, tho' the Indians don't imagine it a Sacrifice—at least they kill & offer no Animals there, & nothing but Wood & Stones.

N. B. There is such heap of Stones accumulated from such a Custom of passing Indians, between New Haven & Milford about three Miles out of Milford upon the Road. Another Heap at Stockbridge by the Housatunnuck Indians. . . .

Rev. Sam^l. Hall of New Cheshire about A. D. 1722 bought 1000 acres in Waterbury for £40. or £30. O. T., and has since sold the same without Improvement for about £1000. Proc. The last 600 acres he sold A. D. 1761 for £600. Proc. to be paid in six years with the Interest 6 per cent. till paid.

About A. D. 1718 or 1720 he bought 1500 Acres in Cold Spring for £34. Old Tenor, which 1744 he sold for £1000. Old Tenor.

June 2, 1762. This Acco^t. I was told by Rev^d. Ab^m. Williams of Sandwich. Origin of the Quakers at Sandwich. The Town settled about 1636 by Ten Proprietors. First Minister came from England, his name Mr. Leverech (not Leverett), educated in one of the Eng. Universities & Episcopally ordained; but like Mr. Williams of Providence, waited for fuller Discoveries & was much of the Turn & Cast of the Seekers. His Chh. at first consisted of about 13 Males. He infused this Waiting in Silence & Seeking Spirit into his people; and at last left them and went to the West End of Long Island where he died, & his Posterity are there to this Day. After he left them they met for public Worship every

Lord's Day & contented themselves with Ministrations of the Brethren & without a Minister for Ten years fr. 1640 to 1650. Then they got a Minister. But before this a few with Mr. Holder at the head retired & separated from the Congregation & assembled in private house every Sabb. to wait in Silence for the Discoveries of the Spirit. The Marshal of Plymo. Colony disturbed them—upon which they retired to a Dingle or deep Hollow surrounded with high hills (called Holder's Hollow to this Day) & held their Meeting. Here the Marshal seized Mr. Holder & carried him to Plymo. Court where he suffered for his Religion. This incensed the whole party ag^t their Brethren and ag^t. the Legislature for the sanguinary Laws. And being Seekers unhinged, of no fixt principles, having no religious Complexion, but waiting; and the Quakers from England coming over in 1655 or thereabouts and declaring for the Spirit & ag^t. sanguinary Laws, Holder & his party closed in & took their sectarian form. Tho' truly the quaker system was yet not fully formed to a Consistency, they scarcely knew w^t. they believed. And this is the Source of Quakerism in Sandwich, & hence it propagated to Nantucket. Perhaps Holder's party might consist of about a Quarter of the people, or 5 or 6 Fam., for I question if A. D. 1650 Sandw. had above 20 or 25 Families. The Quakers there now A. D. 1762 consist of 50 Families. I think I once read in the Journal of a Travelling Friend who was in Nantucket about A. D. 1700 & again 1737 who says that when he was first there in 1700 there were but a small number of Quakers there, perhaps a dozen, but in 1737 were above a Thousand Souls Quakers.

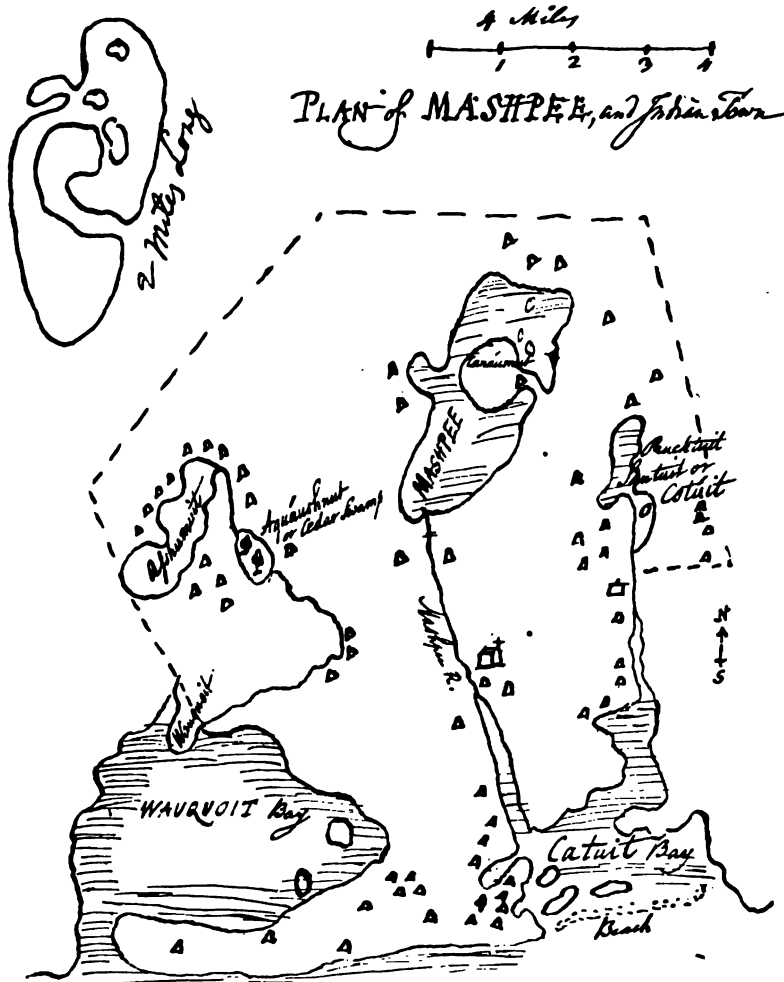
June 3. At Sauntucket they caught Herrings 400 Barrels this Season, 800 Bb. last year—never 1000. Sell about Three Doll. per Barrel—5 pecks salt to Barrel . . . From W. to E. Barnstable 4 M., thence to Yarmo. 4 M., to Nobscusset Meet^g 4, thence to Harw. 6 M. Lodged at Capt. Thatcher's.

4. Rode to Truro, via Potenummekuk. Truro has 180 Eng. Fam., not one Indian; Provincetown 40 Fam.; Barnstable about 230; East Do. 250; no Ind. in Eastham; about 30 Ind. Fam. at Potenummecuck where I went. There was an Ind. Tribe originally at Harwich & thereabouts beside Potenummekut.

June 5. Returned from Truro. Rode to Billingsgate & 4 M. below, then crossed about 10 M. on the Flats to Harwich. The

Flats extend 3 Miles; we rode generally half a mile & sometimes a Mile or $1\frac{1}{2}$ M. fr. shore. At half after Eight in Evening arrived at Col. Thatcher's in Yarmouth.

6. Kept Sabb. at Yarmouth, preached P. M. for Mr. Green, & rode home with him to Barnstable.



7. Rev^d. Mr. Green, Sen^r., accompanied me 12 M. S^o. westerly to Mr. Hawley's at Mashpee, where spent afternoon & lodged. Dined at Mr. Marston's.

"The Senecas, Onondauguas & Cayoucas say they never had any of the purchase Money; & the Onoydas say they have had but very little of, & they chuse rather to pay back what they had, than sell the Land. And the Case in Regard to the Indians who live on the Land is a little unhappy. They are ill natured Delawares mixt with all nations, good part of w^c were driven off their Lands by the sea side or elsewhere near Eng. plantations, who were settled there by the 6 Nations, altho' not made Proprietors of the Land. These have also a Mixture of the Six Nations, particularly the Senecas & Cayoucas with them. Vide a Copy of a Treaty with the Inds. in the Gent. Magazine, March, 1759." Rev^d. Mr. Hawley's Lett. Nov. 25, 1761, to Mr. Wheelock.

8. Rode to Sandwich & dined at Mr. Williams. Mr. Hawley accompanied me 5 M. & I proceeded to Plymouth and lodge at Mr. Bacon's. . .

Six Nations Relatives: The Shawanese their Brothers; the Moheeguns Nephews; The Delawares Do.

The Pater Noster in the Mohawk or Six Nations Language: Songwaunéhau (Our Father), Colloyaúnaughe (in Heaven) tecétero (sittest), Sausauneyeústoh (sanctified) ésa (be you) Sauwanéeyoh (the Lord) Ihhauserehah neauwoh Colloyaunaughe (in Heaven) nuk (and) Owchuncháuaughe (Earth): Negáutauwaunisauraughe (Every day) tauquauwaú (us) taulau (our) noon-tuntsick (Bread), tuntuquautewhy (forgive) yeustoh (us) you (our) guallawhaunellah (sins), geneéyuit (as) chauquautautale why yeustaúne (we forgive those that sin against us), Weteautautale whyyellauxy; Johsau (Lead) tauquausaulénet (us not into Temptation), toowautaute naugarautoonga (deliver us) Guntelowhausah (from the Devil or Evil one). Huiau (for) nesa (thou) Sauwanéyoh (thou art the Lord), Esa sasotsha (thou art powerful), Esa (thou) sowaysa (art glorious) geneahauwee (forever), Auween (Amen). . . .

A. D. 1754

Senekas	400 Warriors
Cayugas	100
Onondaugas	300
Onoydas	200
Tuscaroras	100
Mohawks	100
	1200

[Added at a later date,] 1500 A. D. 1777, of which Oneidas 500.

Cahrawaugas	100 Wigwams
Conneusadauges	30
Oswagautchy	30

. . The Delaware Tribe is called Poh-hegan or Moh-heegan by themselves; and Auquitsaukon. Dispersed into 3 Divisions, viz., Forks of Del., at Deögauh, and the Oheö which is the largest.

O-hé-yewh, alias Ohio in Fr.

Oh-ne-áu-ge-rah, Ne-áu-ge-ra, or Niagara. . .

Where the Onoydas have L, the Mohawks have R. L. . .

UNDERGRAD. AT CAMBRIDGE, 1762

Seniors	42
Juniors	46
Soph.	37
Fresh.	59
	184

A Tribe at Monymet Pond, perhaps } 12 fam.
a doz. Wigwams

Sippican	not above 12
Acushnet	12
Assawaumpsit	15
Pembroke & Scituate	20
	71 fam.
	284 souls

. . Mr. Hawley was at Onohoquauge A. D. 1761, where within 3 or 4 Miles were a Body of 231 Ind. souls, of which were

Onoydas	124
Tuscaroras	92
Delawares	25

231 Souls, of w^c. about 60

or 70 Warriors . .

The New Towns in Berkshire in Western parts of Mass. vendued June Inst., the highest about £3500. Ster., the lowest about £1500. Ster. Assembly offered the Stockbridge Indians £1000 ster. for their Right in the same Lands, but the Indians refused, & appealed to the King. . . .

Circulating Cash in Barbadoes about £60,000. Apr., 1762, and the fleet left about as much more in May, when they had £120,000 Proc.

There is a Place called *Cōbicut* among the Eliz^a. Islands off against Dartmouth—& another *Cōbicut* or *Cobequid* at East End of the Bason of Mēnas in Nova Scotia. . .

Plympton N^o. End is Winnetuxet; East Plympton is Anassnapet. . .—Col. Watson of Plymo' has an apple Tree in his Home lot which is said to be 120 years old & one of the first there planted; formerly this Tree bare large Apples, pleasant & rather sweet; now, 1762, it bears smallest Apples & these sour & greatly diminished. It is a tall & large Tree.

Simon, an Ind. preacher, told me about 12, not above 15 Ind. Fam. in Assawaumpsit. Mr. Cheever¹ about 1760 took Acc^o. of 75 Ind. Souls in Dartmo', mostly living with English. . . .

This Stone
Is erected to the Memory of
That unbiased Judge, faithful Officer,
Sincere Friend, & honest Man,
Col. Isaac Lothrop,
who resigned this Life on the 26th Day
of April, 1750, in the 43d
Year of his Age.

Had Virtue's Charms the Power to save
Its faithful Vot'ries from the Grave
This Stone had ne'er possessed the Fame
Of being mark'd with Lothrop's Name.

Made by Judge Oliver of Middleborough.

June 15, 1762. New Cheshire² begun to have Winter preaching about A. D. 1722, when Mr. Hall first preached to them. He was ordained Dec. 9th, 1724, when they consisted of *Thirty-five families only*, 11 Memb. Male of the Chh. Since that Time to 1762 he has

¹ Rev. Israel Cheever (Harvard 1749), of Acushnet.

² Now Cheshire, originally part of Wallingford, Connecticut.

baptized above *Seventeen hundred children*, which may be three Quarters of the Nativities or much more; and admitted Five hundred and Fifty Communicants into the Chh. By account taken last Winter the Parish contains above Fifteen hundred Souls Whites, and since 1722 more have moved out than come in. They are now about Three Hundred Families. This Acc^o. told me by Rev^d. Sam^l. Hall, Minister of the Parish, Æt. 67. Burials about five hundred and Twenty. Taken off to Carmel in 1755 not a dozen families.

Rev. Mr. Sam^l. Hall's Father, Jn^o. Hall, Esq., of Wallingford, died A. D. 1730, Æt. 60. He was born at New Haven from whence his parents removed to Wallingford when he was about six weeks old, at which time were but a few Families in Wallingford. . . .

Last year caught but Two Whales in Bay, Plymo'. Formerly 100 per ann.—Killed perhaps 30 Deer in Sandwich, Falmo' & Mashpee, & thereabouts a great many. Observed more numerous than some years ago.—100 Ewes 150 Lambs, or one third bearing Ewes have Twins.—Deer have one Branch added annually on horn. Many in Plymo' Woods & over to Wareham. Live to great age, as well as Geese.—Whales suckle their young one year; then they wean, & for the 2d year the young are stunts. Whalers guess the age. . . .

At Onohoquauga & in all the Country of the 6 Nations all the public affairs are transacted in the Onoyda Dialect. But the radical or capital Lang. is that of the Onondaugas. . . .—Gen. Assemb. Mass. for year 1762 raised 3220 Men Provincials, & voted a Premium for enlist^e not exceed^e 893 Men for regular Recruits.—Rev^d. Mr. Eph. Little of Plymouth made a century festival 1720, first a wooden Dish of Indian Corn and Clams to represent how our Fathers fed in 1620, then an elegant Dinner to shew 1720.—80 Male & Female Members in Mashpee Chh., Indians, mostly Squaws. . . .

Portnummecutt Tribe on Cape Cod don't consist of above Sixty Souls.—Mashpee Two Hund. & fifty Souls, about 60 Wigwams & 6 Houses; 9 children born there in 1761, and about 80 Communicants.—Perhaps Sixty more Souls Inds. on Cape. A. D. 1754 there were 450 Ind. Souls in Co. of Barnstable. . .

MOHAWK NUMBERS, BY REV^d. MR. HAWLEY OF MASHPEE

1. Ounskut	20. Towausau
2. Tegene	30. Hausanewausau
3. Ausau	40. Kyarynewausau
4. Kyary	50. Wisknewausau
5. Wisk	60. Yauyocknewausau
6. Yauyock	70. Chautocknewausau
7. Chautock	80. Tegetuhnewausau
8. Tegetuk	90. Tutohnewausau
9. Tutoh or Wautelo	100. Ounskut Towwaunowwau
10. Wyary	1000. Ounskut Towwaunowwauselausau

Haúghe is an Inhabitant in Mohawk. This being suffixed to the Name of any place describes the people; as, instead of saying the Onondaugas, they speaking of those people call them Onondauga Hauge or Inhab. of the Mountain Onondauga. . .

Truro settled from Billingsgate¹ about A. D. 1700.—Catch at Billingsgate seven Bush. Oysters at a Tide; 18 or 20 years ago could get but 2 Bush.—Billingsgate Harbor good Tide rises 14 feet. . . —Oak Trees & Shrubs to 1½ M. S°. of Truro Meet^g: thence 8 M. a Belt of Pine across the Cape.

June 5th. Came upon the Flats 4 M. S°. of Smith's at III.^h 15° P. M.; rode S°. till ag^t. Eastham Meetingh., then struck S° westerly & came out V^h. 15'; rode first hour 4 M., 2d 5 M., & came off a little East of Harwich Meetingh., and on shore obs. Eastham do. bore East 3 pts. N°. Had a Runaway Negro on foot (being apprehended) in Company, which retarded the Travel.—A Belt of Oaks across to about 1 M. below Truro Meetgh. Then a Belt of Pines to within about a Mile of Nauset. Then Oaks & Shrubs.—100 Fishermen gone from Truro this Season. About 280 Polls Male in both Parishes of Yarmo.—Sauquetucket Mills about a Mile from Sea; are 4 M. N°. of a Tavern on S°. side within 1 M. of S°. Sea. So it is about 6 M. across from Sea to Sea in that part of Harwich.— . . Catch 40 Bb. Herring at below Pamet.—150 Fam. in East Yarmo. & 220 in East Barnstable. . .

Capt. Atkins of Truro 1760 told Mr. Edward Thurston, jun., that he had seen as many Whales in C. Cod harbor at one time as

¹ The North Precinct of Eastham, now Wellfleet.

would have made a Bridge from the End of the Cape to Truro Shore; which is seven Miles across & would require Two Thous^d. Whales. Mr. Atk. Æ. 60 circa. . . .

Quichátset Sachem of all Sandw. & Barnstab. Marshes & to within 3 M. of Plymouth Meet^s, 2 M. Barnst. Courthouse, except Falmo. & Mashpee w^c were under Popmonnit, Sach. of the South Sea Indians.

. . . Quitchatset Grandfather to Benj^a. Scēpit, Æt. 84, whom I saw & conversed with. He is a Quaker.—Mr. Hawley has about Seventy five Ind. Fam. at Mashpee—not four to a Fam. at a medium. This Tribe of South Sea Indians were four Times as many in the Memory of Mr. Deacon Chipman, æt. 35. He says that the only other Body of Inds. on the Cape now, is at Nauset, may be half as many as at Mashpee. Mashpee Inds. read the Ind. Bible of Mr. Eliot of Roxbury.—Quitchatset (not Quitchautset) sold Sandwich to Ten Proprietors about (1636). He was Sachem of Manomet & sold part of Mashpee in 1672, or rather confirmed a sale of Tookenchosen & Weepqush . . .—50 Fam. of Quakers at Sandwich A. D. 1762.—Mr. Croker of Barnstable about 30 yrs. ago took out a Patent from the Gov^r. of N^o. Carolina for 600 Acres upon New River for about £60. Old Tenor. The Patent cost to the Gov^r. £30.—At Barnstable I saw a Squaw bro't up at Middleberry & has lived many years at Sandw. I made her repeat several Ind. Words, as the Numbers 1, 2, 3, &c., & names of Animals, Deer, Squirrels, &c., & found they were the same with the Pequot Ind. Language. . . . —Nepyathun, Sachem of Nobscusset & Sussewit 80 yrs. ago. Sachemus, Ind. Sachem of Sustucket or Saukatucket, which lies 6 M. along shore from Sustucket River to Nemskaket River. Monymoyk; the Sachem was Sam^l. Quaussion, & the Tribe called Quasson, now not 30 Men, W. & children; Sam^l. Quass. Sachem 60 yrs. ago. Sipson or Chipson, from Skaket River to Pamet & 35 M. to End of the Cape; Sipson lived at Potenummekut about 60 yrs. ago; Sipson & Quaussion owned fr. Sustucket to End of the Cape; related & Branches of one Fam.; in this was Nauset. Nepiäthun Sachemdom about 8 M. on Bay & so across to Sea. . . . —Catch'd 70 & 100 Whales a season in the Bay of Cape Cod 40 yrs. ago.—From Sustuket or Sauquetucket to End of Cape not 150 Ind. Men, W. & Child.—Japhet, an Ind. & ord. Minister 50 yrs. ago was 60 yrs. old, Pastor of a Chh. at Vinyard. The Squaws

losing first Children used to apply to Powaws. Japhet's Mother applied, but not liking it, walkt out in Light of the silent Moon & prayed the God who made the Moon to give her a living Child; this was granted & he proved an excellent Minister & died triumphing in hope.—40 yrs. ago at a Wedding were counted seven score Indians at Potnummecuck.—A great Plague among Inds. at Potnummecuck just before the English came.

POTENUMMEKUK TRIBE ¹ , 1762				
	SONS DAUS.		WIDOWS	SONS DAUS.
Jn ^o . Ralph, Minister	1	2	Sarah Cuzzen, æt. 80	0
Isaac James	0	0	D ^o . George	0
Rich ^d . Attomon	0	0	Dorcas Quonsit	0
Joshua Pompmoh	0	2	Mercy Attomon	0
Jn ^o . Ralph, Jun.	1	1	Mercy Tom	0
Sam ^l . Crook	0	0	Suse Francis	0
Amos Lawrence perhaps	2	or 3 child.	Hester Attomon	0
David Quonsit	2	0	Margery Pompmoh	1
David Ned	1	0	Hope Oliver	0 1
Jn ^o . Davis	0	0	Hannah Tom	0
Jos. Toby	1	0	Lydia Pierce	0
Micah Ralph	2	0 perh.	Beck Francis	0 3
Sam ^l . Cuzzen	2	perh.	Ruth Ralph	0
			Hester Jethro	0 1
	10	8		1 5
Eben ^r . Cowit Single Man				10 8
				11 13

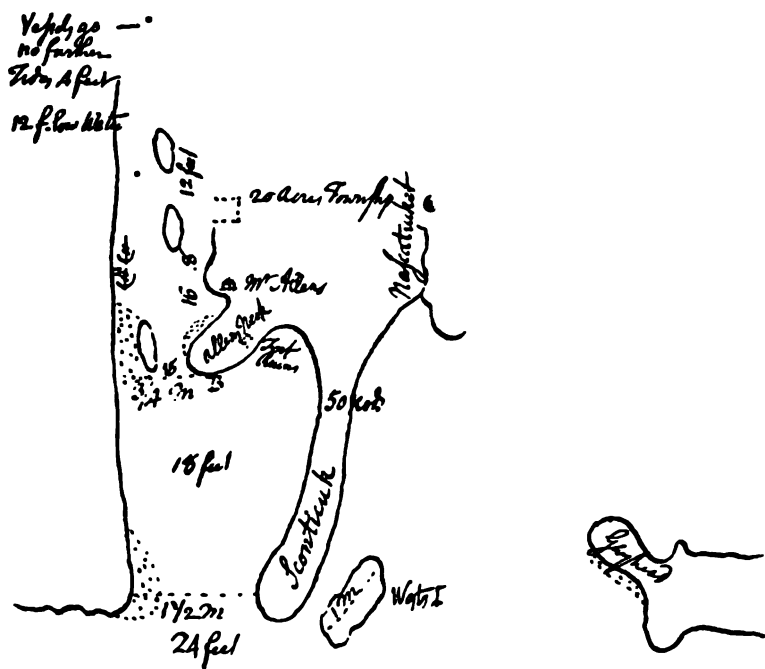
This Account of the Indians at Potnummekuk I took on the spot, June 4, 1762.

Married Men	13
Suppose as many Wives	13
Widows	14
Unmarried Children { Males	11
girls	13
	64 Souls

. . . June 9, 1762. At Plymo' transcrib^s Chh. records, &c.
 10. Rode round to Middleboro', Mr. Conant's, Judge Oliver's.
 Visited Assawaumpset & lodged at Acushnet.

¹ In Eastham (Nauset).

ACUSHNET



11. Rode down to Mouth of Acushnet on East side, took a Draught of that & Poneganset & Pascamanset &c. and lodged at Widow Slocum's at Coaxit or Pascamansit.

12. Dined at Sam^l. Almy's—and arrived home at Newport. Sheep Shearing at Mr. Almy's.

Oct. 4, 1762. Inquire of Dr. Eliot about the Growth of his Mulberry Trees which he set in Spring 1759 . . .

Rev. Mr. Todd's Mulberry Tree 8 Inches Diam., about perhaps 10 yrs. old . . Mr. Todd raised 20,000 Worms A. D. 1762. . .

WATERBURY FAMILIES

Old Town	155	45	Episc.
Westb.	110	20	
Nº. bury	70	30	
	<u>335</u>	<u>95</u>	(2309 Souls A. D. 1762.)

	FAM.	EPISC. FAM.
..New Cambr.	70	11
Litchfield	220	40
New Milford		30
Woodbury	450	20
Sharon	285	15
Cornwall	110	10
Salisbury	150	not one
Harwinton	100	4

In North Haven are about 180 Fam. From Oct., 1761 to Oct., 1762 more Marriages than Deaths; about 12 Deaths, & Rev. Mr. Trumble married 15 couples & Squire Sacket some. Mr. Trumble the Pastor judges Births 40.

EPISCº. FAMILIES IN HARTFORD, 1762

Scotch Capt. Keith—Bachelor
 English Capt. Tyley—uncertain Bapt.
 Engh. Mr. Tho. Burr—Mercht^t.—Native
 Irish Dr. Jepson—Apothecary—Haddam
 Isaac Tucker—Blacksm. Taunton.
 Irish James Mookler—Barber
 Jno. Olcot—Native—Indiff.
 Valentine Vaughn—Baker fr. Bº.
 Lieut. Marsh—Native—disappt^d—Capt.
 Sam^l. Knowles—intends to Xtn. child.
 Committee, Capt. Tyley, Lieut. Marsh, Dr. Jepson.

At Windsor perhaps 5 or 6 Fam.
 Wethersfield
 Farmington 1
 West division 1
 East Hartford none
 Glastenbury none

. . . Scatticook, 3 Miles on River, about 30 Wigwaums, about 150 Souls Indians, the Remains of the New Milford Tribe.—New Milford bo't by Mr. Zech. Tomlinson 80 yrs. ago of the Indians. . .

Mr. Trumble of Westbury told me he baptized upwards of sixty Children last year. He has 110 Fam. of his Congreg^a. They buried but 3 or 4 persons in the year.—Mr. Gold of Cornwall was ord. 1755 & then had 60 Fam., and now, 1762, has 110 Fam., inclusive of about 10 Chhmen. Above 30 Fam. moved into Town in this Time. About 100 Members in Chh.—A Quaker Meeting at Salisbury, 20 Fam.—Quaker do. Filkington, 50 Fam. . . . Rev. Mr. Trumble was settled at Westbury in 1737, when his parish consisted of 25 fam. only, now consist of 130 fam. . . —My Father's Verse on Cornwall:—

"Nature out of her boundless store
Threw Rocks together & did no more."

Cornwall settled about 1740 & onwards; first Family moved there Fall before the hard winter in 1740. Had 15 or 20 Fam. in 1744 . .

June, 1762, Rev^d. Mr. Bradnor¹ ordained Pastor of a Chh. in the City in Nine Partners. The Chh. or Congreg^a. had put themselves under Litchfield Consociation, but the Presb. Chhs. in N. York & the Candidate preferred the Presbytery. The Ord. Council consisted of Ministers & Chhs., about one half Litchfi^d. County & one half N. Y. Presbyterians.

Oct., 1761. Rev^d. Mr. Hannars² ordained Pastor of new Chh., English, in the City of Albany. In Apr. last he & his Chh. wrote to the Moderator of Litchfi^d Association to be rec'd. & incorporated. Chiefly Irish Families. No other Eng. Chh. till come to Nine Partners. Next is Rev. Mr. Eben^r. Knibloe, Pastor of a Chh. in Oblong, made up of South part of Sharon & Dutch.

A Cong. at Dover collected by Mr. Case ag^t. Kent.

Rev. Mr. Chauncy Graham of Rumbout in Fiskills.

Mr. Dewy, Sep., 100 Fam. over Oblong in 9 Part. & ag^t. Sharon. A Separate Meet^g. West of Dewy's & S^o. of Bradnor's.

A Quaker Meet^g & Sep. D^o. at Fillkintown, an old Dutch Settlement 15 Miles S. W. from Sharon Meetg^h. in the Rode to Pogh-keepsie.

Rev^d. Mr. Mead of Salem, N. Y.

Rev^d. Mr. Sacket at Crum Ponds ag^t. Ridgefield or higher.

¹ Benoni Bradner (Princeton Coll. 1755); Nine Partners in Dutchess County, New York.

² William Hanna (Kings Coll., now Columbia Univ., 1759).

Mr. Bartholomew settled at Harwinton about 1738 over about 30 Families, now increased to above 100, partly accessions. . .

Rev. Mr. Bartholomew says that when Litchf^d. Consoc. first formed about 1750, it was agreed that there should be a Majority of Messengers as well as Ministers to make a Vote.—Harwinton Chh. drew Articles about Chh. Discipline, in w^c it was agreed that Cases of Diff. should be referred to a Council *mutually* chosen by Pastor & Chh., & this to be decisive. This done previous to Mr. Barth. Ordination.

Sharon, Cornwall, Canaan, Goshen Chhs. much the same; at Salisbury and Torrington Rev^d. Messrs. Lee & Roberts settled directly in opposition to the Association about 1740 & 1743. . . .

EXTRACTS FROM THE RECORDS OF THE CHH. OF HARWINTON UNDER THE
PASTORAL CARE OF REV. AND^m. BARTHOLOMEW.

CHH. GATHERED SEPT. 27, 1738

Admissions	82
Received fr. other Chhs.	53
Originally embodied	21
	156

Marriages 66

Couples that have owned the Cov^t. for Bapt. of Children 19
Single persons do., but married 10

BAPTISMS OF CHILDREN BY MR. BARTHOLOMEW, ORDAINED

OCT. 4, 1738

	CHILDREN	MALES
Oct. 8, 1738	4	2
in year 1739	15	6
1740	12	5
1741	12	8
1742	9	3
1743	14	6
1744	14	6
1745	18	10
1746	12	6
1747	15	3
1748	22	10
1749	9	5
1750	18	7
1751	15	8
1752	16	10
1753	19	9
1754	16	7
1755	15	7

1756	20	8
1757	20	9
1758	37	24
1759	23	10
1760	31	14
1761	22	13
To Oct. 11 1762	20	8
	428	204
	204 Males	
	224 Females	

. . . Oct. 16, 1762, WERE IN HARWINTON

109 Families, of which 4 Widows & 3 Widowers.

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102 Fam. with both heads. Also 1 Widow and 2
Widowers without Fam.

Hence Husbands	107	} 213 married
Wives	106	
Boys	163	} 318 unmarried
Girls	155	
Access. Young Men & 8 Women	19 — — Do.	
	550 souls—more than 5 to a Fam.	
Total of Males	281	
“ “ Females	269	

Of the 109 Fam. 34 are Accessions in the last seven years.

FAMILIES IN HARWINTON, A. D. 1762¹

YEARS OF ACCESSION		UNMARRIED	
		SONS	DAUS.
10	Moses Wilcox, Killingw.	1	2
6	Josiah Phelps, W.	2	1
30	Sam ^l . Weston, H.	2	3
23	Abm. Catlin, H.	8	3
23	Jacob Hinsdale, H.	4	1
	Jacob, Do., Jun ^r	2	0
11	Widow Lee, Goshen	1	0
20	Jacob Tyler, B.	0	0
25	Jon ^a . Hopkins, H.	2	2
20	Barnabas Benton, H.	1	2
15	Wm. Cook, }	1	1
	Jos. Cook, } H.	1	1

¹ The initials appended to names indicate the towns from which the settlers came, as W. for Windsor, H. for Hartford, F. for Farmington, B. for Branford.

E., prefixed in a few cases, indicates Episcopal families.

20	Abijah Catlin, H.	3	1
20	Jon ^a . Coult, W.	1	0
15	Aaron Cook, H.	1	3
20	Jon ^a . Brace, H.	4	1
23	Benj. Catlin, }	2	2
	Geo. Do. } H.	0	0
20	Jn ^o . Coult, W.	0	4
4	W ^m . Abernethy, F.	0	0
3	Isaiah Butler, B.	1	0
2	Do. Do., Jun ^r . }	3	3
	Eben ^r . Do. }	1	1
12	Janna Griswold, Weth.	1	5
20	Jacob Catlin, H.	3	2
23	Hez. Hopkins, H.	1	9
23	Amos Catlin, H.	2	1
20	Jacob Benton, H.	1	2
23	Cyprian Webster, H.	1	1
18	Tho. Bull, } H.	0	0
	Amos Do. }	1	
20	Moses Webster, H.	3	0
23	Joel Catlin, H.	1	4
20	Abiel Tyler, B.	2	3
7	Eben ^r . Sperry, Cheshire	0	0
8	Dan ^l . Bunnell, Cheshire	1	2
20	Eben ^r . Tyler, } B.	1	0
	Jon ^a . Tyler, }	0	1
	James Do.	0	1
3	Uzal Barker, B.	2	0
2	Eben ^r . Johnson, B.	0	1
2	Aaron Foot, } B.	1	0
1	Eben ^r . Do. }	1	0
2	Jon ^a . Cook, B.		
18	Sam ^l . Bull, H.	5	3
20	Amos Benton, H.	3	0
5	Jer. Drake, N. York	0	0
23	Widow Peck, H.	2	2
24	Rev. Mr. Bartholomew, B.	3	4
3	Jesse Woodruff, F.		1
6	Steph. Rosseter, L.	4	3
3	Steph. Butler, B.	1	
18	Dan ^l . Barth., } B.	3	4
	Reuben Do. } B.	0	0
18	W ^m . Hayden, W.	1	2
12	Sam ^l . Stone Butler, } H.	3	1
3	Deacon Butler, }	0	0
10	Jos. Curtis, Hebron	5	2

20	Ashbel Skinner, W.	5	2
1	(E.) Obad. Scott, Waterb. }	perh. 3	1
2	(E.) ——— Blackby, do. }		
7	Widow Barber, H.	3	1
16	Jn ^o . Barber, } W.	3	1
12	Reuben Do. }	4	1
22	Dan ^l . Catlin, H.	1	2
8	Azariah Kellogg, H.	1	2
6	Christ ^o . Crow, H.	2	3
2	Sam ^l . Cravath, Wall ^d		
24	Nathan Davis, } Cape Cod		
	Nathan Do., Jr. }		2
15	Sam ^l . Cook, W.	5	2
25	Jon ^a . Catlin, H.	2	
1	Job Cook, W.		
3	Josiah Butler, H.	1	
25	Jos. Merriman, Wall ^d	6	2
18	Sam ^l . Bartholomew, B.		
6	Eli Dewey, Westfield		1
10	Jn ^o . Watkins		5
2	Jabez Frisbie, B.		4
24	Sam ^l . Phelps, W.	3	
1	Elijah Bill, Leb.		
3	Asa Preston, } Preston	2	1
	Jn ^o . Do. }		
2	Aaron Bristow, } W. Haven	3	1
	Reuben Do. }		
5	Dan ^l . Griswold, Bolton	1	
2	—— Orcot, Enfield	2	3
5	White Griswold, Bolton	1	5
25	Sam ^l . Barber, W.	1	4
24	Deacon Jn ^o . Wilson, } W.	3	1
	Eli Wilson }		
25	Deacon Dan ^l . Phelps, W.		1
22	Ezek. Scovel, Haddam	2	4
25	Noah Loomis, } W.		
	Isaiah Loomis, }	3	
3	(E.) ——— Thompson, N. Haven, ...	perhaps 4	4
2	Joel Barber, } W.	1	
1	Jos. Barber }	1	
25	Noah Loomis, Jun ^r ., W.	6	4
1	Dan ^l . Bowers, Long Isl ^d		
25	Jos. Hayden, } W.	3	2
15	David Do. }	2	5
4	Nath. Coby, } W.		1
15	David Hayden, Jr. }	1	

25	Israel Merriman, } Wall ^d	{ 0	0
	Do. Do., Jun ^r . }	{ 1	1
4	Dr. Benj. Judd, Waterbury	6	2
	Widow Ellsworth, 40	0	1
	W ^o . Cook, æt. 60	0	0
	Mr. Hayden, æt. 70	0	0
	Mr. Moody, æt. 50	0	0
		174	155
	Girls, 36, Æt. 14 & ult.		
	Boys, 37, Æt. 16 & ult.		

"Articles of Chh. Discipline agreed upon by the Elder and Chh. of Christ in Harwinton at the Time of Ordination & embodying said Church. Agreed

1. That every Act of Chh. Discipline exercised therein shall be deemed & acknowledged as valid & firm by them wherein there is the full & free Consent of the Elder or Elders and the Major Part of the Brethren of s^d. Chh. then present.

2. That no Act of Chh. Discipline shall be accounted and reckoned valid in said Chh. but where there is the Consent of the Elder or Elders & the major part of the Brethren of s^d. Chh. then present.

3. The way & manner for the manifestation of the Assent or Dissent of their Minds in order to the Reception or non-Reception into s^d. Chh. or censuring of any Member belonging to s^d. Chh. shall be done by holding up of the Hands.

4. That in order to any Act of Chh. discipline a Vote shall be taken both in the Affirmative & negative by Holding up of the Hands.

5. If in any difficult Cases the Chh. want Light or Peace among themselves, & the Elder or Elders together with the Chh. think it necessary, that then they shall call in the Help of an ecclesiastical Council, whose wholesome Advice & Council shall be received & their Judgment & Determination binding.

6. That if there arise any unhappy Difference between the Pastor & Chh. which cannot be healed among themselves, that then the Help of an Ecclesiastical Council shall be called, which Council shall be chosen in the Manner following (viz.) One of the Churches & Elder or Elders desired to assist in said Council shall be joyntly agreed upon & chosen by said Pastor and Church; and the other Elders & Churches assisting to be chosen by each Party an equal

Number; which *Judgment* & Determination of said Council shall be *binding*.

7. That any dissatisfied Member excommunicated shall after his Excommunication have Liberty to call an ecclesiastick Council to consider & determine his Case, whose determination shall be binding, and not before without the Consent both of Pastor & Church."

	Andrew Bartholomew, Pastor	
Signed	Daniel Messenger	} Brethren
	Benj. Catling	
	Jacob Hinsdal	
	Dan ^l . Gillet	
	Sam ^l . Barber	
	Jn ^o . Wilson	
	James Cole	
	Tho ^s . Butler	
	Cyprian Webster	
	Step. Hopkins	
	Amos Hinsdel	

Extracted from Records of Chh. in Harwinton, Oct. 14, 1762.

Mr. Harvey of Sharon has invented a Threshing Mill which threshes & fans 50 Bush. Wheat a Day, perh. 100.

Rev. Mr. Williams' Chh. at East Hartford have Articles about Chh. Discipline peculiar; and so has Mr. Whitman's Chh.

Women's High Crown Hats used be worn at Windsor in memory of Jon^a. Stiles, now Æt. 75. I saw his Mother's, w^c measured 17 Inches Diam. The Cone remains 8 Inches high & cut off perhaps 3 Inches or more.

Articles respecting Chh. Discipline consented to & voted by the Chh. in Canaan at the Settlement of the Rev^d. Mr. Farrand, and also in Chh. of Cornwall 1755 previous to the Ordin^a. of Rev. Mr. Gould.

1. We conceive every particular Chh. being a voluntary Society, united by free Consent for the great purpose of securing the Salvation of the Soul; is to be considered originally in a State of Independence.

2. We judge the Scriptures to be the only authentic Rule of Faith & Manners, not only to particular Professors but also to the churches.

3. That tho' the Script. hath laid down general Rules for the Management of all Ecclesiastical Affairs; yet we don't find that there is any precise Mode of Church Government, so particularly marked out & prescribed to be of divine Right that it may not be varied from in any Punctilio whatsoever.

4. Therefore it appears to us so far to be left to the Discretion & Prudence of every Chh., that they may put themselves into such form of Eccles. Discipline as shall seem to them best to answer the great End of Gov^t.

5. But when a good form of Ecc. Discipline takes place in any Country such as well answers the g^t. End of Gov^t., we conceive it highly reasonable & proper for every Chh. to submit to it, whether established by Law or prevailing by Custom.

6. For tho' every Chh. be originally Independent, yet we judge it altogether best for the well Being of Ecclesiastical Community to unite in some proper form for mutual Assistance & Edification.

7. In Case of Difference in a Chh. we think it highly expedient & proper that there should be Liberty of Appeal from the Judg^t. of a particular Church to some higher Judicature.

8. We think it reasonable that in Case of Difference between the Pastor & Brethren of the Chh. that either said Pastor or Brethren shall have the Liberty of calling a Council though the other should not consent.

9. We deem it of great Use & Service to have many cases referred to a Council of Advisors without a decisive Judgment.

10. But yet we fully agree that for the good Gov't of the Chh. there ought to be some Judicature where every Case may be determined with a decisive Judgment.

11. We fully agree for the present to be advised by the Reverend Association to w^e we belong; only begging Leave to hold ourselves in Suspense with respect to our entire Subjection to Saybrook Platform, till we receive further Light in some Things in it, about which some of us have some Scruples.

Probably draughted by Rev^d. Jonathan Edwards of Stockbridge.

The Chhs. of Canaan & Cornwall each have five Members chosen as a Committee of the Chh., called *Helps of Government*.—What

disgusted the new Towns in Litchfield Co. ag^t. Platform was Messrs. Collins, Heaton, Webster, &c., laying the New Lights under Censure, & leaving them suspended; in which case the aggrieved had no Redress—because on Saybrook Platform a private Brother can't have a Council before Excommunication. Besides, the above Gentlemen had repeatedly exercised the Negative on the Chh.—Rev. Mr. Bellamy supposes a Minister to have no Negative on his Chh., but to preside as Moderator only with power to adjourn the Chh. Meeting.—Rev^d. Mr. Edwards preached half year at Canaan & had settled there, only the Stockbridge Sterling Mission offered. He knew thus what would suit Canaan.—Rev. Mr. Gold tells me he thinks not one Chh. in Litchfield County are on Saybrook Platform by explicit Vote with their present Pastors.—Rev^d. Mr. Trumble of Westbury settled 25 y. ago & now has £1000. L. M. at Interest; he owns 1000 or 1200 Acres in Westbury besides Lands in other Towns. He sold 100 Acres Lot this year in Kent within 1½ M. of the Meet^g house for 30/ per acre Proc.—Rector Williams went up to lay out the College Farms in new Towns the year after Mr. Trumble was settled, or about 1738; and by 1757 the Rights were 20/ Proc. per acre.—Mr. Wadhams settled at Raumaug.¹ Romaug a Sachem, father of the present Sachem Jn^o. ———, æt. 15. John's Father was alive 2 y. ago, æt. 80, & was then with his Queen at Mr. Gold's. [Added later:] Mr. Barthol. tells me Raumaug is lately dead, & his son Chéere or Chery reigns in his Stead. . .

Joshua Ray, Sen^r., of North Haven, told me he was in the 75th year of his Age, now, 1762, & that he can ditch 9 or 10 Rods a day. His Wife was my Wet Nurse. . . .

PRICE OF SILVER PER OZ.²

A. D. 1727	16/	1739	29/
1728	16/6, 17/, 18/	1740	28/, 29/
1729	19/, 20/, 21/, 22/	1741	28/6, 29/
1730	21/, 20/, 19/	1742	28/, 29/
1731	18/6, 19/	1743	30/, 32/
1732	19/6, 20/, 20/6	1746	37/, 40/, 50/
1733	21/, 22/, 23/	1747	53/, 60/
1735	27/6	1748	58/, 56/
1736	26/6	1749	56/, 58/
		1750	56/, 50/

¹ Abbreviated from Weraumaug; the present New Preston.

² Cf. Bronson's *Connecticut Currency*, 52, 74.

Landlord Ray tells me that Mr. Wetmore¹ set out Father's Orchard at No. Haven (this must be since 1717), and that it was then Trees & Deacon Todd cleared it, & that the Hill was cleared & plowed before he came.

Nathan Bailey of Groton sells me his Right in New Britain² in Col. Lydius' [grant] for 40/ Proc. to be sent to Uncle Coit of N. Lond.—Nov. 2, 1762. I sent Forty-one Shillings & six pence Proc. to Dan^l. Coit, Esq., of N. Lond., for buy^g Mr. Bailey's Right in Britain as above . . .

The Susquehannah Purchase so called is bounded, beginning at the Beginning of the 42^d Deg. of N^o. Lat., Ten Miles East of the River & running 10 Miles East of s^d. River thro' the s^d 42^d Deg., thence 2 Deg. Long. Westward or 120 Miles, & thence on a merid. Line south to the parallel of the beginning of the 42^d Deg. & thence on s^d parallel to the first Boundary 10 Mile East of Susquehanna River. Now the River ranging North Easterly & S^o Westerly where it crosses s^d. 42^d Degree, the whole Contents may be nearly equal to 110 (or 120) Miles by 69½. The whole is divided into near one Thousand whole Shares. . . No Quitrents on Susquehanna. The original Deed signed by the Indian Chiefs July 11, 1754, contains 534 names, whole Shares each Two 1224 parts; and 136 Half Shares each one 1224th part, making 602 whole Shares, besides 20 undisposed. Considⁿ. pd. the Indians 1705 Dollars.

I am an original Proprietor for Half a Share in 1754. Bo't another whole Share of & in Right of Brother Nath'l. Hubbard in 1761; which make one Share & half. And in 1760 bought half of Rice's half Share with Benj. Ellery, Esq. So have one Share & three Quarters certain. And in Oct., 1762, I left £8. with Br. Dan'l. Hubbard to buy another whole Share. This will sieze me of 2¾ Share; which makes my whole Interest in Susquehanna 13,000 Acres, allowing for Highways, &c.; and 8565 Acres supposing I have but 1¾ Share.

Besides my Susquehannah Purchase I have bought Rights in Lydius's Patent in the following Towns:

Charlestown on Saratoga River	383 Acres
S ^o . Kingstown on Do.	383
Danvis, Two Rights	766

¹ Rev. James Wetmore (Yale 1714), the predecessor of Dr. Stiles's father in the North Haven pulpit.

² In the present township of New Lebanon, Columbia County, N. Y.

The Conditions of holding these 4 Rights are Clearing Ten Acres on each in Twenty years or by Dec. 31, 1781, with a Quitrent of 5/ ster. per 100 acres improvable Land after 1782.

Besides these I have bought & own of Lands Patented by Gov. Wentworth in New Hampshire in the Towns of

Lempster, 6 M. E. of N ^o IV, 1 Right, ...	320 Acres
Killington, 25 M. N. W. of N ^o IV, four Rights	1280
	1500

Besides 2 Rights in Killington in Names of my Brs. Isaac & Ashbel, w ^c they promise to assign to me, as I have paid 3 Doll. per Right, &c.	}	640

The Condition of holding the New Hamp. Lands is clearing one Tenth part in five years, or by 1766, with a Quitrent of Ten Shill^{rs}. Ster. per 1000 Acres, or about 3/ Ster. per Right, after 10 years or after 1772. Probably most of the N. Hamp. Rights will become forfeit; perhaps I may clear a few. But Col. Lydius's will become of Value of £50. Ster. each before they revert; and if my Heirs are careful, they may easily secure them for ever, *i. e.*, in indefeasable Fee. . . .

Besides this I have in Connecticut, in

Harwinton	100 Acres
Cornwall	340
North Haven, ...about	30

470. Nov. 10, 1762.

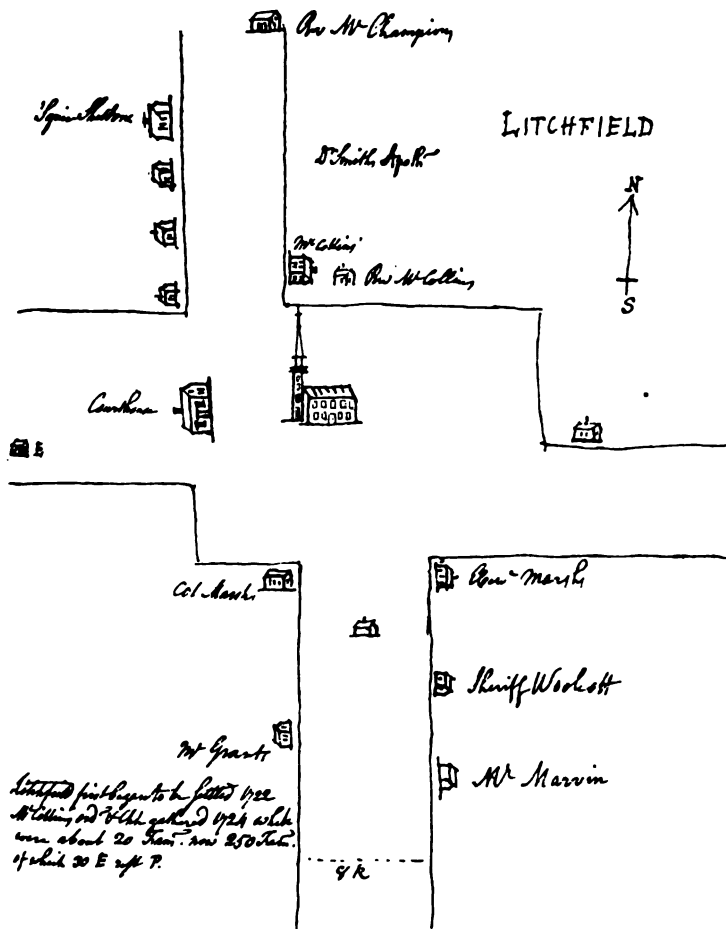
Nov. 11, 1762. I have for 40/ bought Nathan Bailey's Right in Britain in Lydius. Feb., 1763, I have bought 3 Rights more, viz., 1 in S^o. Kingston of Aug. Johnston, & 1 in Do. of Weedon, and 1 in Charlest^o. of Aug. Johnston, and also a Right in Susquehanna in Name of Dr. Lev^t. Hubbard. . . .

1762

Oct. 5th, Crossed the Ferries, 3 Pistareens. Dined at Case's £4. 10. old Tenor, to be pd. on Returning. Lodged at Dr. Babcock's.

6. Dined at Champlin's Rope Ferry & rode by Lyme Meetingh. where was the Lecture of New Lond. West Association, Rev^d. Messrs. Hart and Devotion to be questioned for preach^s for Mr. Dana. Lodged at Mr. Devotion's.

7. Breakfasted at Dr. Gale's, Killingw. Dined at Dr. Rugles', Guilford, & arrived at New Haven.
8. Rode to Br. Isaac's & West Rock.
9. Rode to Westbury. Kept Sabb. & preached for Rev^d. Mr. Trumble.
11. Dined Mr. Champion's at Litchf^d, & arrived at Mr. Gold's, Cornwall.



12. Viewed my Farm.
13. Viewed upper Farm & apprized a 25 Acre Lot.
14. Rode & lodged at Harwinton.

15. Viewed my Farm & found it good Land, 81 Acres . .
In 10 yrs. may be worth 40/ per acre.
16. Continued N. E. Storm.
17. Preached for Mr. Bartholomew.
18. Set out for Windsor. Rode 10 M. to Suffrag in Symsb.
16 M. more to Wolcott's Ferry in Windsor. Arrived &
lodged at Uncle Sam¹. Stiles'.
19. Crossed Connect. River to Uncle Noah's. Lodged.
20. Came to Hartford. Lodged at Mr. Dorr's. Mr. Dorr's
Parish 151 Families, of which 124 N°. of the Bridge. In
all Hartford about Eight Episc°. Families.
21. Rode via Glassenbury to Meriden & lodged with Mr. Hall.
22. Arrived & dined at Mother's at North Haven; visited Br.
Isaac—Went to New Haven. Waited on the President &
Tutors & entered Whitehead¹ into College.
23. Lodged at Br. Isaac's.
24. At North Haven. Lord's day. Preach for Mr. Trumble
P. M.
25. Dined with Military Officers & rode to Carmel.
26. Visited & returned to N°. H.
27. Set out for Newport. Lodged at Mr. Ruggles.
28. Breakfasted at Dr. Gale's & visited Dr. Eliot. Dined at
Mr. Hart's, Saybrook. Lodged at New Lond. at Uncle
Coit's & copied Susquehanna Deed, &c.
29. Dined at Dr. Woodbridge's at Groton. Lodged at Champ-
lin's in Charlest°, £6. Old Tenor.
30. At Ferry saw Advertisem^t. for Meeting of the Proprietors
of Westerly & Charlest°. above Albany, to draw Lots, the
Surveys being finished—to meet at Hopkinton 24th Nov.
. . Arrived at Newport.

DISBURSM'TS. THIS JOURNEY

	PROC.
Left Cash with Mr. Gold	£4. 0. 0
To Mr. Gold's children	0. 9. 0
Left with Sister Kezia, about	2. 0. 0
Left with Br. Dan'l. Hubb ^d	8. 0. 0
To 'prizers 2/6—Records 2/6	0. 5. 0
Mr. Bartholomew's Children, about	0. 6. 6
To Books bo't. of Deacon Stiles	0. 4. 0

¹ Stephen Whitehead Hubbard (Yale 1766), a nephew of Mrs. Stiles, had been prepared for College by Dr. Stiles.

To Br. Ashbel for Silk Blanket in which I was baptized	}	o. 10. 0
Cross ^s Ferries & at Case's (going)		o. 8. 0
At Champlin's on Return		o. 5. 6
other Travel ^s . Expenses, about		1. 5. 0
Cash bro't. home		9. 2. 0

Dec. 29, 1763. Mr. Wm. Vernon of Newport, whose Brother has the Post Office in Newport, tells me that the whole amount of Postage of Letters, &c., in the Newport Office he judges not to exceed £300. ster. per Ann., out of which his Br. is allowed 15 per cent.—So the Salary not above £45. Ster. per Ann.

At Bristol, April 24, 1764.—I saw a Section of a large Button Wood Tree, on which I counted from the Surface to the Center above seventy Rings. Judge Russel told me it was set out when Bristol was first settled, which was about 84 y. ago—the Meet^hhouse erected A. D. 1684. The Judge lately cut down some large Locust Trees, whose Rings he counted, & finds them confirming that the Number of Annules correspond to the N^o. of years. Mr. Eben. Davenport told me he remembered either the setting of this Tree, or before it was set on this Lot which was originally his Father's. He was born, I think, about 1690, or 1689. . . .

May 8, 1763. At Mt. Carmel I baptized Kezia, Daughter of Basil Munson & Kezia his Wife, & Phebe, D. of Dan. Mansfield & Abigail his W.

July 8, 1763. Dr. Franklin tells me that in A. D. 1752 there were in the Prov. of Pensylvania about 22,000 Taxables Males, of which about 2000 were Bachelors & young Men never married; so he then inferr'd at 8 persons to a Fam. 160,000 Souls in the whole Province at that Time. And from a decennary Acco^t. there were 37,000 Germans imported in 10 years; and the Germans may now A. D. 1763 be one Third of the Province.—N. B. Eight Persons to a Fam. too much.

He says the memorable hot day, June , 1749, the Therm. stood at 100 in Philad^a. & that it has been 96 since, Farenheit's. On this, being Lord's day, I preached my first Sermon.

Gov. Ward is said to have owing to him in Westerly £40,000, and between 50 & 60,000, inclusive Hopkinton.—Dr. Woodbr. judges the people of Stonington, Groton, &c., in debt all their Stock & half their Land. Lands fell half in 2 yrs. . .

Rev^d. Mr. Hubbard of Ipswitch was son of a Country Gent. in Essex in Great Britain, who had a small parental Estate there, one half entangled & irrecoverably by s^d. Father, & other half entangled by perhaps his Son.

His Issue—Jn^o. Hubbard—B^o.

Mrs. Pyncheon—Springf^d.

Mrs. Downer—B^o. or Do.

Jno's Children—Jn^o. Hubbard, Father of Col.¹

Nath^l.—Judge, Bristol

Rich^d.—B^o.

Isaac—Long I.

Mary—Ruggles

Rebecca—Clark

Margaret Stoddard

Sarah Hubb^d.

Ann D^o.

William D^o. ob. in Portugal . . .

Livingston's Tract 450,000 Acres, S. W. from Albany & bounded West by Delaware. A Township 40 or 60 Rights, 450 Acres per Right @ 3/ Y. M. per acre, free of Quitrent, 1763. Mr. Livingston has sequestered and charged a large Tract with the Quitrents of the Lands he sells the New Eng. people. . . .

MR. SECRETARY TEMPLEMAN'S LETTER TO DR. ELIOT

Received 13 Apr., 1763. Dr. Eliot died 22 Apr., 1763, æt. 78.
Sir,

I have the pleasure to send you the congratulation of this society, on the important discovery you have made of the great quantity of iron to be obtained from the black sand of America.

Your letters concerning it were received with universal satisfaction, and the gold medal of the society was unanimously voted you.

I am ordered to return you their thanks for communicating so important a discovery, and also for the printed Essay you were so obliging as to send them.

¹ Col. Hubbard was the author's wife's father.

I must beg the favour of knowing to whose care I should commit the gold medal designed for you.

The society are very sensible of your publick spiritedness, in promoting their views for the advantage of the british colonies and your readiness in procuring them such things as they requested of you. With the sincerest wishes of long life and health to one who so nobly dedicates his thoughts and time to the publick good, I have the honour to subscribe myself in the name of the society, Sir,

Your most obliged humble servant,

Peter Templeman,

Strand, Jan^y 6th, 1763.

Secretary.

P. S. The society beg the favour of you to send them some of the seed of the black grass you mention in your letter, together with specimens of the intire dried plant.

Whoe'er thou art that boldly durst
 Insult great Miller's sacred Ghost
 Tho' despicable be thy Name
 And tho' no Honor I can claim
 From thy Destruction:—yet I will
 Take Vengeance with my pow'rful Quill,
 I'll trim thee with deserved Lashes
 For thus profaning Miller's Ashes.
 And if this Business does succede
 All men will praise the mighty Deed;
 Churchmen at least will grin Applause
 And own me Patron of their Cause.

By a young Gentleman

educated at Harvard College

Translation of Mr. Apthorp's Latin Motto.¹

. . . In New Haven 9th Division made 1760, estimated £945
 The 8th Div. consisted of 2350 Acres. Hence 8/ per acre. . . .

There were about 700 Men in Connecticut this year, 1763, ready to remove to Susquehanna this Summer, when the Letters arrived to Gov. Fitch from Lord Egremont, Secr^y. of State, prohibiting the settlement for the present. . . .

¹The reference is to a motto prefixed to a pamphlet by the Rev. East Apthorp, of Cambridge, Mass., in reply to newspaper censures on the late Rev. Dr. Ebenezer Miller (Harvard 1722), of Braintree.

May 10, 1763. Trial of Mr. Charles Whittelsey, Wallingford, on Presentm^t. of Gr^d. Jury for wound^d his Wife Luce, Janry., 1762, of w^c. she languished, and also she died, Sept., 1762. About 38 Witnesses testified she had told them for 7 mos. before her Death that Mr. W. had given her a Wound of w^c. she should die. One Witness who laid her out saw no Wound & tho't not of look^d tho' had often heard her prophesy.—May 11. He was honorably acquitted without Costs by Caleb Merriman, Esq., his open Enemy who was assisted with Justices Sacket, Rice, Rogers, & Jno. Whiting.¹

. . . Rev. Joseph Noyes of New Haven settled at New Haven about 1716 & married an Heiress² whose Estate consisted in Lands about Hartford & Farmington little improved, & which she did not sell. Mr. Noyes's Salary was £120. Proc., his Wood, and some parsonage Lots: perhaps Salary & perquisites might be £160. per ann.

I suppose his first Purchases were 60 Acres Pasturage, & about 40 more for Plowing, &c., given to Mrs. Darling. And for this 100 Acres he gave the full Value. About A. D. 1720 N. H. Vth Division laid out, mostly in Amity, & from 1720 to 1730 there were new Divs. in Darby & Waterbury & Farmington: and I suppose wild Land then sold at 3/ & 4/ per acre = to 1/6 or 2/ Proc. or about 6. to £10. per 100 acres. Of this Wild Land between 1720 & 1730 or circa he bought 1400 Acres, which at £10. per cent. cost £140., more probably not above £110. Proc. Now for the circa 100 Acres bo't in his own Parish, I presume he gave from 40/ to 80/ Proc. per acre, & for the whole at least £250. or £300. Proc. So his whole Land purchase finished before 1740, might cost him £400. Proc. in 25 years; or nearly £20. per Ann. And perhaps his presents so great for first 15 yrs. that he spared 30. & 40. £. Proc. per ann. for Land. But after 1740 presents failing, Children at Maturity absorbed his Income. . . .

First Convention³ held at the Rev^d. Mr. Burt's in Bristol, Aug. 25, 1756. . . Ministers' Meetings, Tuesdays, Lecture Wednesdays . .

¹ Charles, son of the Rev. Samuel Whittelsey (Yale 1705), of Wallingford, married Lucy, daughter of Rev. Samuel Hall (Yale 1716), of Cheshire.

² Daughter of the Rev. James Pierpont, of New Haven, and of his wife, Sarah Haynes, of Hartford.

³ Of Congregational Ministers of Rhode Island.

ORDER OF SENIORITY

1. Rev. Jos. Park of Westerly
2. Rev. Oth. Campbel Tiverton
3. Rev. Jos. Torrey S^o. Kingston
4. Rev. Sol^o. Townsend Warren
5. Rev. Jno. Burt Bristol
6. Rev. Jon^a. Ellis Little Compton
7. Rev. Wm. Vinal Newport
8. E. Stiles Do. . .

MR. TIM^o. WATERHOUSE'S ESTIMATE OF FAMILIES OF THE MEETINGS OF FRIENDS
IN ALL NEW ENG. FOR A. D. 1760.

Mr. Waterhouse a Quaker.

Richmond	30	Taunton	10
Hopkinton	20	Freetown	20
Westerly	20	Swansey	100
South Kingston	120	Tiverton	30
" " Lower	150	Littlecompton	20
Greenwich	150	Coaxit	100
Warwick	10	Ponaganset	200
Cranston or Shanticut	30	Newtown	50
Providence	50	Cushnet	50
Smithfield old Meeting house ...	40	Rochester	20
" upper " " } ..	120	Suckenesett	20
or Wensoket		Sandwich	60
Leicester	10	Bassponds or Pembroke	15
Mendum	100	Lancaster	5

Oct. 4, 1763 . . . Windham C^o. Association 3^d Tuesday May &
2d Tuesday Oct. annually, & Lectures Wednesday. . .

Rent of a Farm one Third its annual produce.

Sqr. Aldridge of Smithfield tells me he remembers about 50 yrs. ago when there were but 2 houses in Gloucester & 3 in Scituate, & that his house in his Gr. father's days & one more were the Frontier in Philip's War.

That he was acquainted with Rev. Roger Williams' Sons—all which had Oddities, but were men of Estate, & so his Grandsons, one of w^c. died in Gloucester last Winter; one named *Providence W^{ms}*. now languishing at Mr. Aldridge's house, æt. 73; another lives 4 M. south of Providence.

Provid. Wms. now superannuated has one child, a poor Daughter. He himself was rich in Land till about 7 yrs. ago, when he sold all, & is subsisted by the Town.

I saw Providence Williams, now æt. 73. I askt him if he remembered his Grandf., the famous Roger Williams; he seemed unwilling to hear, or say anything in Answer; but did at length say he did not know him. This Mr. Williams appeared ill-natured, morose & odd, & half delirious; for tho' he was lying clean in Bed, to w^c. he is confined, yet he asked me how I could come to see a Man lying in Ordure & opened the Cloths to shew it, tho' he was then clean.

He appears to me constitutionally mixt up of Distraction & Reason. Mr. Aldridge says he used to be formerly gay & lively for a year, then another year dumpish & melancholy; sometimes such Changes every few days & Week. Variable, unsteady.

Prov. Williams had a very ill-natured Wife, whom he sometimes whipped. He is much emaciated, has a sharp pointed Nose but not thin; peevish, morose Aspect—was large boned & a strong man in health . . .

About 12 per ann. die in Woodstock, all the T^o. being about 220 Fam.—Upper Parish 60 fam., among w^c. only 2 Deaths last year. . . .

At Wrentham first Parish, Rev^d. Mr. Bean Pastor, both Parents to be in full Communion for Bapt. of their Children, & have numerous Chh. There are also one or 2 Chhs. more retaining the same Usage. . . .

DOCTORS IN CONNECTICUT, 1763

Killingly	Woodstock
Thos. Moffit	Parker Moss (Best)
Ezek. Herrington	Do. Do. Jun.
James Gleason	David Holmes
Tim ^o . Atwood	
Nath ^l . Freeman	Ashford
Pomfret	Benj. Palmer
David Hall	Brown
Lord	Baker
W ^m . Walton	

Mansfield	Canterbury
Cordial Storrs	Fitch
Nathan Arnold	Winter
Jon ^a . Fuller	Davis
Windham	Voluntown
Huntington	Carpenter
Jon ^a . Huntington	
Joshua Elderkin	Preston
Sam ^l . Gray	Moss
David Adams	
Warner	Norwich
Tolland	Tracy
Sam ^l . Cobb (Best)	Dan ^l . Lothrop
Tho ^a . Barnard	Perkins
	Lemuel Buzzell ¹
Stafford	Marsh, Surgeon
Stanton	
James Jackson	N. Lond.
Moffit	Ely
	Holmes
Coventry	Lyme
Kimball	Mather
Rose	Do. Jun ^r .
Cardee Parker	
Lyman	Groton
	Woodbridge
Lebanon	Stonington
Jn ^o . Clark	Dr. Gray
	Do.
Andover	Haddam
Jn ^o . Crocker (good)	Crittenden
	Mosely
Somers	Willington
Sam ^l . Raynolds	Eleaz ^r . Wales
	Peter Chamberlain
Enfield	Middlet^o.
Terry	Rawson & Osborn
	Dickinson & Clark
Windsor	Rev ^d . Bartlet
Alex. Wolcott	
Convers	Saybrook
	Seth Field
Hartford	Holmes
McClellan	Bishop
Bull	
Jepson	Killingworth
	Gale & Dr. Buel
Plainfield	
Robinson	
Perkins	
¹ Boswell.	

Guilford	Weatherfield
Nath ^l . Ruggles	Farnsworth
Dr. Redfield	Porter
N. Haven	Farmington
Col. Hubbard	Richards
Lev ^t . Hubbard	Hurlburt
Rhodes	
Munson	Milford
Carrington	Herpin
	Whiting
Branford	Fairfield
Gould	Betts
Torrey	
Foot	Stratford
Stanford	Tomlinson
Hubbard	
Fitch	Farmington
Cornwal	Lee
Russel	Lee
	Hurlburt
Hebron	Wells
Shipman	Winchel
Pomroy	Gridly
Sumner	
Coleman	Litchfield
Glassen ^b	Collins
Gray, European	Little
	Bird
Wallingford	Sharon
Hall	Smith
Hull	

ATTORNEYS

C ^o . Providence	Kings C ^o .
Mr. Jn ^o Aplin, Prov.	Matt. Robinson, S ^o . K.
Jn ^o Andrews, Cranston	Helme
Silas Downer, Pr.	
Oliver Arnold, Gloucester	C ^o . Bristol
Joseph Morey, Smithf ^d .	Sherjashub Bowen
Geo. Brown, Pro.	Dr. Bradford
Joseph Aplin, Pro.	
Elisha Hopkins, Smithf ^d .	C ^o . Newport
	James Honeyman
C ^o . Kent	Aug ^t . Johnston
Abel Potter, W. Green.	Martin Howard, Jun ^r .
Cumstock, E. Green.	Hen. Marchant
Colegrove, quere	

DOCTORS, RH. ISL. 1763

Provid., Col. Jabez Bowen	Warwick, Hinkinbottom
Ephr. Bowen	Bristol, D ^r . Bradford
Jos. Hughes	Saconet, D ^r . Ruggles
Cumberland, D ^r . Howard	Newport, D ^r . Wigneron
D ^r . Gould	D ^r . Moffat
Smithf ^d , D ^r . Brown	D ^r . Rodman
D ^r . Smith	D ^r . Hunter
D ^r . Jenckes	D ^r . Eyres
D ^r . Arnold	D ^r . Welles
Gloucester, D ^r . Keach	S ^o . Kingston, D ^r . Torrey
D ^r . Herrendeen (moved)	Exeter, D ^r . Sprague
Situate, D ^r . Slack	Westerly, D ^r . Babcock

. . The Township of Woodstock granted by Boston to Roxbury People in the year 1686 . . —Uncle Abel's Orchard the first set out in Woodstock, so Æt. 77, large Trees: whereas small Trees in several Orchards in N^o. part of the Town, Æt. 25 & 20, & yet in new Land. So in 70 y. large Trees degenerate Seed for Dwarfs. . . . —Rev. Amos Throop ordained at Woodstock, May 24, 1727, and baptized in the year

1727	35	of which	17 Boys
1728	33	— —	13
1729	35	— —	17
1730	40	— —	18
1731	39	— —	22
1732	40	— —	17
1733	55	— —	28
1734	29	— —	20
1735	32	to Aug. 9	16
	338		168 Boys
	168		
	170	Girls	

BAPT. BY REV. ABEL STILES, WHO WAS ORDAINED JULY 27, 1737.

1737	July 31,	33	to Jan.	12 Boys
1738		40	— —	18
1739		44		20
1740		45		27
1741		37		14
1742		46		22
1743		38		20
1744		47		22
1745		47		27

1746	33	17
1747	27	11
1748	25	13
1749	35	12
1750	27	12
1751	24	12
1752	29	12
1753	24	9
1754	22	9
1755	27	15 (New Chh.)
1756	14	9
1757	21	12
1758	14	7
1759	14	7
1760	23	13 (Divided in Oct.)
1761	14	5
1762	18	5
1763	14 to Oct.	9 6
782		367
367 Boys		
415 Girls		

Mr. Stiles' Chh.	about 55 Fam.
Mr. Leonard's	110
Mr. W ^{ms}	80
245	

About 12 or 14 Deaths $\frac{2}{3}$ Ann. in whole Town. Mr. Stiles one Third & Mr. Leonard Two Thirds of Parish Estate & Numbers.

Aged M^r. Fisk told me he was ord. A. D. 1711 over fewer than 40 Fam. in Killingly—now 3 Parishes . . .

1763 Oct. 4 Set out & rode to Bristol.

5. At Prov^d. ferry 9^d Proc. At olney's 48/ or 2/2 Proc. Lodg^d at Sqr. Aldridgs, about 9 m. fr. Prov., in Smithf^d.
6. 2/5 Proc. Rode to Gloucester to M^r. Oliver Arnold's, about 6 m. fr. Aldrichs; & here spent the day.
7. Rode 7 m. to Wilmot's, about S. W. 3/ to Mr. Arnold's. fr. Wilmot's in Gloucester to Barret's in Gloucester 7 m. measured; dined at Barret's. Arrived at Woodstock at Uncle A. Stiles.

9. Preached at Woodstock.
11. Rode with Uncle to Mr. Williams' in W. Parish, Woodstock, to Association of County Windham.
12. Preached Assoc. Lecture.
13. Set out from Uncle's, 1/6. Dined at Barret's (10^d.) Edge of Gloster, 11 M. fr. Woodst. Uncles & 23 M. fr. Provid., wh. is 34 m. fr. Woodstock. At Waterman's 1/3. From Wilmot's to Waterman's 8 M; fr. Waterman's in Smithfield to Provid. 9 Mile. Arrived at Provid. VII^b. P^d. at Waterman's 10^d = 12^d.
14. At Prov^d. Visited Libr. of 500 Volumes, p^d. 2/6.
15. Arrived at Newport. 2/. Bo't at Provid. Machiavelii & Hornbeck, 3/.

1764, May 14. Rode to Warren, 18 Miles.

15. To Hunt's 4. Daggets, Reh^b, 3. Dexter's, }
Cumb. 6. Fisk's d^o. 6. Thayer's in Mendon } 29
about 5 M. into Massach. over the Line, 10 M.
16. From Thayer's in Mendon to M^r. Hutchin- }
son's, Grafton, 12—to Worcester 10. Lei- } 28
cester 6
17. Set out from Sergeant's in Leicester at VII^b½ }
M. & rode 14 M. to Buckminster's in Brook- }
field by X^b½. To Downing 8 M. by I. From }
II to IV 45', rode 14 M. to Graves in Cold } 42
Spring. From V 15' to VI 45' rode 7 M. to
Warner's in Amherst.
18. Rev^d. M^r. Parsons accompanied to Sunderland }
7½. Dined at Rev. M^r. Ashley's. To Mon- } 25
tagne 6 M. To Northf^d. Meetgh. 12 M.
19. Rev. M^r. Hubbard & Dr. Pumroy accomp. to }
Hamp. Line 1½ M. Then crossed Connect. }
River 60 R. to West side, rode 8½ M. to Fort }
Dummer, & crost. Connect. R. again 40 R. }
rode 2 M. to Fort Hinsd. 2 M. to Hinsdale } 10 & 10
Mgh. near the upper Bend of River & 6 or }
7 M. fr. Northf^d. Meetgh. The depth of the }
Bend E. & W. about one Mile; fr. the N^o. to }
S^o. Chop about S. E. one Mile.

20.	Kept Sabb. with M ^r . Hubb ^d . of Northfd.	} 30
21.	Rode from Northfield to Hadley Meetingh. 30 Miles.	
22.	Rode to Hatfield & back to Hadly, 3 m.	3
23.	Set out fr. M ^r . Hopkins' in Hadly, & crossed the Ferry at XI in Mor ^e . Dined at M ^r . Hooker's; rode 18 M. to Westfield.	} 20
24.	Rode 6 M. to M ^r . Stiles, &c.	
25.	Rode to Springf ^d .	7.
26.	Rode to Enfield.	10
27.	Preached for M ^r . Raynolds.	
28.	Rode to Windsor, 7; to Uncle, Aunt John's & back, 8, to Uncle Samuel's on West side Connect. R. 4 M.	} 19
29.	Rode to Hartford. Gen. Assembly sitting. Gov. Fitch, D. G. Pitkin	
30.	Dined at Gov. Pitkin's; rode to Uncle Stiles', Coventry.	} 18.
31.	To Uncle Abel Stiles', Woodstock	
June 1.	Via Provid. to Jn ^o Town	45
2.	To Newport	18

Rev. M^r. Jn^o. Ballantine ordained at Westfield, June 17, 1741.
Perh. 150 Communicants.

Charlemont no Minister, but 25 Fam. . . .

June 27, 1679, Rev. Edw^d. Taylor ordained, *i. e.*, 6, 27, 1679.
. . Westf^d. Chh. gathered, consisting of 7 Males, to w^m were added
3 males & 5 fem., 1 D, 11 m^o, 1679.—Warronnoko (or -kee) the
Ind. Name of Westfield.—Rev. M^r. Taylor of Westfield, my Gr.
father, often spoke of a Cousin Arms in Eng. . . Uncle Eldad
Taylor paid £700. Debts Grandf. most at Boston for Daughters
Setting out.

Gave Deed of 70 or 100 Acres in Westfield to M^{rs} Raynolds to
make up her part.

While the N. E. Charters were in an uncertained State & Mass.
new modelld, N. York needed Assist^a. to defend the Frontiers.
The King's Commission to the Gov. of N. York contained a Clause
vesting him with the Power of the Militia in Connect. About 1693
Gov. Fletcher came to Hartford to take this Command & issue

military Commissions, but no body could be found to receive them of him, especially as the Assembly stood ready to grant them. A Complaint went home & M^r. Winthrop defended. And as the only Reason of the Clause alledged was the necessary Defence, a Quota from all the Provinces West of Rh. Isl. was established by the K. in Council, & this Quota for Connect. was 200 men which the Gov. of N. Y. may demand of Connecticut. And so ended this dispute.—The Clause yet continues & I saw it in Sir Danvers Osborn's Commission 1756 or 7. The Gov. of Mass. has a like Clause in his Commission, over the Militia of Rhode Isl^d., which Gov. Pownal endeavored to enforce about 1758, but in vain.

May 29, 1764. Waited upon Gov. Wolcott at Windsor, Æt. 87, & spent Afternoon with him conversing on the History of Connecticut.

Rev. M^r. Noyes of Stonington was a politician & instrumental in persuad^e the Colony to resume Charter Gov^t. in 1689 after the seizure of Sir Edm. Andros. M^r. Gershom Bulkly of Weathersfield had been appointed a Justice by Sir Edmond & wrote well in Defence of Crown Gov^t. in Opp^o. to Charter Gov^t.;—& himself never did submit to the Gov^t. after Andross. His Son, Minister of Colechester, on the contrary a strong Advocate for Charter. The Colony sent M^r. Winthrop Agent to London after the Revolution, who finding no Judg^t. entered in Westminster against Connect. Charter, the Colony continued Charter Gov^t. by Virtue of K. William's Declaration. . . .

Newberry & Haveril in Coos sixty M. above N^o. W., as near Portsm^o. via Merimac, as Northf^d. to Boston. Preach^e among the Settlers of these 2 T^o. in the Summer of 1763: about 18 or 20 Fam. in both Towns.

Now, 1764, are Canada Ind. down in the T^o. & among Settlers at Coos 40 Fam. or more; said to be 100 Men. £300. Proc. Box of Trinkets went by N^o. W. to trade with Ind. ? . .

Rachel Cornish (mixt Negro), D. of James Cornish, Clerk of C^o. Court of Hamp. in Sir Ed. Andross' Time; while at B^o. he begot Rachel on a Negro; she lived afterwards wth. Rev. M^r. Hubbard of Ipsw. & is now living. I saw her at M^r. Pynchon's of Springf^d. 1764. Æt. 90, or 80.

COL. HASELTON OF UPTON.¹

M^r. Tyler of Mendon, 1763, went up in June to a new Town in company with about fifteen Men. They went from Hinsdale Fort on Connect. River three Miles or more to Fort Dummer & three Miles above Fort Dummer to the Mouth of West River where it discharges into Connect. River—& thence due West about Ten Miles to said new Town.² West R. about sixteen Rods wide, shallow, may be waded over, but subject to Freshes. A Mountain a few Miles West of Connect. R. & on both sides W. River. One Man can girdle & clear & fence 3 Acres & sow it with Wheat in a Month; can girdle an Acre a Day. There is no Underbrush. White Ash 100 feet to the Limbs & four & 5 diam. at foot . . . Sow³ one q^t. of seed at about 1 Doll. per Acre—Day's Works in Wood Two Pistareens besides finding—half Dollar & find. 20 Doll. for Girdl³ $\frac{3}{4}$ of Trees on 20 Acres & sowing & find³ Seed—would answer Conditions at one Third of the Land. . . .

[STATISTICS OF TOWNS NEAR THE CONNECTICUT RIVER IN VERMONT AND NEW HAMPSHIRE.]

Springfield [Vt.] 8 Fam.	Walpole 40 Fam. Rev.
Rockingham 15 Fam.	M ^r Leavitt
Mr. Gardner preaches	Westmoreland, 40 Fam.
Westminster 30 Fam.	No Minister [Added
Mr. Phelps about settling	later:] Nov. 7, 1764,
Pultney 4 Fam.	Rev ^d . M ^r . Goddard ordained
Fullum ³ 2 Fam.	and a Chh. gathered.
Brattleboro 10 Fam.	Chesterfield, 25 Fam.
Guilford 12 Fam.	Hinsdale, 25 Fam. Rev. M ^r .
Charlest ³ . als N ^o IV [N. H.]	Gay
50 Fam. Rev. M ^r . Olcott	Winchester, 50 Fam.

Extracts from Northampton Chh. Records, May 22, 1764. The Chh. gathered at Northamp. 18. 4. 1661, when at the same Time was ordained the Rev^d. Eleaz^r. Mather Pastor, and soon after Chh. chose a Ruling Elder & a Deacon who were ordained. Eight Males in gathering the Chh., to whom 6 more added 14th, 5th m^o. 1661, and 15 the 18th, 6, 61, and 42 before 29th 10th m^o. 1668. So about 29 or 30 Members male & female in the Beginning. The Chh. of

¹ The following paragraph is based on his authority.

² Wilmington, Vt.

³ Fulham, now Dummerston, Windham County, Vermont.

Hadly, with Rev. M^r. Russel Pastor, was present at the Gathering & Ordination.

Sept. 11, 1672, Rev^d. Sol^o. Stoddard was ordained by M^r. Job Strong, Ruling Elder of the Chh. & M^r. Jn^o. Whiting, Pastor to Second Chh. in Hartford, M^r. Jn^o. Russel of Hadly, &c. Nov. 5, 1672, the Chh. voted that yearly such as grow up to adult age upon assenting to the Articles of faith, not scandalous, "be acknowledged Members of the Chh." Nov. 5, 1672, "a form of Words express^s the sum of the Cov^t. to be used in the admission of Members into a state of Education—You do here publicly take hold of the Cov^t. of the Lord as a Grace-bestowing Covenant, subjecting yourself to the Teachings & Gov^t. of J. X. in this Chh., & engage accord^s. to your place & power to promote the Welfare of it: and we do here publicly acknowleg you a Member of this Chh. of X in a state of Education, promis^s to watch over you for the good of your soul, to take care of your Instruction & Gov^t. in the Lord, & to make you partaker of all such privileges as by the Rules of X belong to you." A form of words to be used in admissions to full Communion: "You do here pub^l. take hold of the Cov^t. of the Lord, giv^s up y^rself unto him to be one of his, submitt^s y^rself to the Teach^s & Gov^t. of J. X in this Chh. & engage accord^s to your place & power to promote the Welfare thereof." And we do publicly, &c.

Feb^y. 22, 1726/7, Rev^d. M^r. Jonathan Edwards ordained.

Dec. 5, 1753, Rev^d. M^r. John Hooker ordained.

BAPTISMS IN NORTHAMP.

Mr. Edwards		Mr. Hooker			
A. D.	Bapt.	A. D.	Bapt.	Deaths	Marriages
1735	48	1754	40	20	11
1736	47	1755	50	27	6
1737	35	1756	41	14	7
1738	33	1757	41	15	8
1739	33	1758	37	16	9
1740	40	1759	45	27	8
1741	27	1760	40	19	9
		1761	48	12	11
		1762	39	17	14
		1763	47	17	13
			428	184	96

40 persons admitted at once, Nov. 28, 1762.

33 D^o. D^o. Febry. 6, 1763.

When M^r. Edwards was dismissed A. D. 1751, there were 229 Male Members in the Chh. and more Females . . .

Seventy Fam. in Pittsfield.

May 30, 1763.¹ The Assembly at Hartford much alarmed by Letter from Agent Jackson on a Bill urged in Parl^t. for erecting a Stamp Office in America. They appointed 4 Gent. viz., Gov. Fitch, Hon. Eben^r. Silliman, Secret^r. Wyllys, & M^r. Ingersol to review the Hist^o. of the Colony & digest a Tract on the Subject of the Parliamentary Interposures especially as they respect Connecticut, print it, disperse a number of Copies thro' the Colony, & send others to England.² It is to contain Reasons ag^t. the Parliament's Erect^g. a Stamp Office—but in general will shew the same Reasons as may be used in Defence of the Charters.

The Assembly also appointed a Committee to search the Secret^r's Office for Materials. . . .

While Sir Edm. Andross was at Hartford, he met D^r. Hooker^a one morning, & s^d I suppose all the good pple. are fasting & pray^g on my Acco^t. . . The D^r. replied yes, we read this kind goeth not out but by fasting & prayer.

Gov^r. Wolcot remembers, the first settlers of Connect.—the Times of Sir Edmond—was present at Gen. Elect. Hartford 1689, when the Charter Gov^t. was resumed by the pple., K. William & Q. Mary proclaimed;—he says the greatest Joy that ever was felt or shewn in Connect.—for they expected under Andross & James soon to be in the State of the Protestants in France. Sir Edm. had told them that the Protest. had made a great Noise for religious Liberty, yet Louis XIV had taken such Measures that there now was not a Huguenot in France. . . .

May 25, 1764. L^t. Gov. Tailer, Son in Law to Col. Byfield, was got the Gov^t. by M^r. Byf^d. in Opp^o. to Gov. Dudley who had offended him in ask^g £60. for Commiss. for Capt. Fort B^o.—Agent Dummer excited Byf^d's Resent. also, & Byf^d had the Gov^t. for £700. ster. for his Son. . . .

Gov. Wolcott Æt. 87 in 1764, or in 87th. y. as he tells me; b. 1679; at no School; understands Latin.

¹ Error for 1764.

² This was printed in the ensuing summer, with the title, "Reasons why the British Colonies, in America, should not be charged with Internal Taxes, by Authority of Parliament . . .", being chiefly compiled and drafted by Governor Fitch.

^a Thomas Hooker, son of Rev. Samuel, of Farmington.

Gov. Wolcott born 1679 or 1677; never went to School in his Life, yet a great Reader & Lawyer. Opposed fix^d. College at N. Haven; first in Assembly 1709; in Council; then dropped:—Speaker 1719; Dep. Gov^r. 1741; Gov^r. 1750. When he first conversant with the Assembly, about 1500 Freemen or Votes in the Colony Elections.

Gov. Saltonstall once led forth 1500 Men fr. Connecticut.

About 1757 about 200 families french Neutrals from Nov. Scotia diffused in Connecticut; about 12 Fam. to fourty thousand List.

Many perh. 60 Fam. french Neutrals embarked this Spring at New Haven & Milford for Hispaniola. . .

Cold Spring¹ 6 M. sq^r., about half of it pine Land. Began to be settled about 1733. M^r. Graves the third Fam. Now about 60 fam. . . .

At Grafton, als. Hassimanisco, I saw the Burying place & Graves of 60 or more Indians. Now not a Male Ind. in the Town, & perh. 5 Squaws who marry Negroes.

The Spring of 1764 an extraord^y Season, Maple Sugar made by one Man in Northf^d. 500 lb. which he sells @ 50/ per cwt. L. M. . In whole Town made Ten Thousand pounds; another man 350 lb. In all the new Towns on the R. in New Hamp. make more than they want to use. Perh. 1000 w^t. in Chesterf^d.

Northf^d. Chh. gathered about A. D. 1710 or 1712.² Chh. now of 160 Members, Males & fem.

Last Book in Cataloge of Grandf. Taylor's, Jno. Mede's Works, 45/. . . .

ESTATE OF REV. EDWARD TAYLOR OF WESTFIELD, APPRISAL,			
Personal Estate	£179.	19.	0
Library	52.	11.	11
Feb. 14, 1729.	£232.	10.	11
No real Estate or Lands.			
Debts bro't. in	38.	2.	1
	194.	8.	10

¹ Now Belchertown.

² The church in Northfield, Mass., was gathered in 1718.

No Debts to Estate mentioned nor Arrears of Salary. Of the Library Poli Synopsis made one Fifth or £10, and in the Inventory was contained a silver Tankard £15.5.0. And besides this, plate 37 Ounces £34.

Nath^l. Stanly, Father of late Col. Stanly, took one of the Connect. Charters & M^r. Talcott, late Gov. Talcott's Father, took the other from Sir Edm. Andross in Hartford Mghouse., the Lights blown out. This fr. Gov. Wolcott.

M^r. Eliot of Windsor & M^r. Stanly of Hartf^d. opposed Mess^{rs}. Talcott & Pitkin; who to secure their Interest joyned with the Western part of the Colony in fix^d the College at New Haven. Gov. Wolcott says the Vote for fix^d. it at Hartford had actually passed the lower & upper houses, but by Gov. Saltonstall's Influence not minuted, & so past.

M^r. Robinson, Collector of the Customs at Newport, came there May, 1764. It is said he gives his Salary of £100. ster. for his Office, & more. M^r. W^m. Vernon, Merch^t., tells me he well knows the Collector makes Six Thousand Dollars a year, & that the other Officers of the Customs make Three Thousand Dollars per Ann., and that the Merchants would gladly compound for Seventy Thousand O. T. per Ann. with the Customhouse.

Capt. Dorden told me that Adm. Holmes at Jamaica seized his Vessel for Coffee—& at same Time Dorden saw the Adm. unlade from his own Ship Two Vessels' Load of Coffee.

M^r. Vernon says it is true, that while Commodore Coates was on the Jamaica Station he was concerned with a Merch^t. there in the Flag Trade which he himself convoyed to Cuba; & that the Balance due to Adm. Coates from s^d. Merchant was above Fourty Eight Thousand pounds Jamaica Money.

Gov. Littleton¹ in 1761 demanded Ten or 15 Thous^d. pounds for disposal of the Commissions for Rais^d. a Regim^t. of Negroes for Cuba Expedition.

¹ William Henry Lyttelton, Governor of South Carolina, 1755-62.

JUNE 22, 1764. EXTRACT FROM YORK & PHILAD^a. PAPER,
JUNE, 1764

June 6th, 1764, arrived at Philad^a. D^r. Smith, Provost of the College in that City in six Weeks from Falmouth in Eng. He in conjunction with Sir James Jay had the Managm^t. of a Collection thro' England (& as I am told Ireland) for the Colleges of N. York & Philad^a., "by means of which about Thirteen Thousand Pounds sterling will come clearly to be divided between the two Seminaries."¹

Rem. M^r. President Cooper of N. Y. College lately s^d. in Newport that M^r. Smith had wrote from Europe that of his Collect. in England there was £4500. ster. for each College—& that of the further Collect. expected they might reckon £1200. or £1500. ster. more for each out of Eng. & that he was going for Ireland. Quere, whether all the £13000. Ster. was from England only ? where there are about Nine Thousand Episc^o. Parishes, & as many of the dissenters contributed, the Collection may be conceived as made in Ten Thousand Congregations at least, and amount to less than One Guinea & an half to a Congregation. M^r. Cooper said he had a Salary of £400. Y. M. per ann.—and that the Fund of N. Y. College, inclusive their half in D^r. Smith's Collection, was Twenty Thousand Pounds Y. Money. . . .

Indian Name of Worcester Quonsigemog . . Rev. M^r. M^cCarty preached first Sermon Nov^r. 27, 1746; Janry. 19, chose by Chh.; Feb^r 23, Town concurred; Apr. 27, he answ^d.; 42 out of 44 in Chh., & all in Town except 3. June 10, 1747, Installed. About 1745 Chh. renewed their Cov^t., signed by 50 Males, of w^c. 14 since deceased, 6 removed to other Chhs., remain 30 of the orig. number.—Chh. greater N^o.—15 Males since added—Present, 1763, between 50 & 60 Male Members—25 fem. admitted by M^r. M^cCarty. Total males & fem. about 120.

Births numerous—Bapt. 67. M^r. M^cCarty near 900 in 16½ y. & this not above three q^{rs}. of the Births—M^r. Morehead of B^o. may have bapt. 50 child. in the Time. N. B. 50 or 60 per Ann. baptised by M^r. M^cCarty—Parish 250 Families. . . .

¹ Modern estimates of these gifts are, nearly £10000 sterling to King's College, New York, and nearly £7000 to the University of Philadelphia.

40 Fam. Walpole. 30 D°. Hinsdale. 12 D°. Guilford.

About 1705 M^r. Taylor wrote a poetic Acco^t. of the Gyant found then at Claveric below Albany—and says that about forty years before (or perh. 1666) he heard a Story of an Ind. Giant of incredible Magnitude & disbelieved it till he saw the Teeth, which he weighed, one above Two pounds & another full *five pounds*. He was told by the Dutchmen that the Grave or Extent of the Skeleton was *Twenty-five paces*, & they dug up a Thigh bone measuring seventeen feet long & a knee pan a foot Diam. The Ind. has often told the Dutch of this Giant who they said was as tall as the Pine Trees & died Two hundred & forty years before.

The Thigh Bone was found & took up June, 1705, so he died about 1465.—A Tooth weighed four pound & three Quarters. Grandfather Taylor says: "Two other Teeth after were took up and were Weighed by myself in my house in Westfield; one weighed five pounds, it had three furrows on the Top & was as hard as a stone; the other Two & one ounce. These Bones the Indians about Fort Albany flocking to see upbraided the Dutch of Incredulity for not believing them who told them that about 40 years before that Time they had an Indian as tall as the tall pine Trees, that would hunt Bears till they were treed & then take them with his hands, & wade into Water 12 or 14 foot deep & catch Sturgeons 3 or 4 or 5 at a Time & broil & eat them."

Mem°. This is a second Memoir of the Giant recorded by M^r. Taylor. . . .

June 26, 1764. The Foundation laid of the New Building in place of Harvard College burnt last Winter. . . .

[Added later.] The new Building in place of Harvard College was finished 1766. It contains a Chapel & Dining Hall below, a Lecture & Library above—only Two Stories. The Semi-Cellar below contains the Buttery & Kitchen. I was in the Library Commencem^t. 1766; it contains sundry Donations in separate Alcoves. Estimate:

M ^r . Hollis	1200 Volumes	£.
M ^r . Hancock	1300	500. ster.
Society Xtian &c.	500	
New Hamp.	700	300 ster.
Society Episc°.	250	
Private	400	
	4350 Volumes	
Fine Apparatus.	. . .	

May 31, 1764, at Night the severest Frost in Memory. . . .

Oct. 1, 1764 . . President Cooper told Dr. Babcock 1764 that there were not above Twenty-four Undergrad. in York College; & never had been more—and the same N°. at Philad. . . .

This Account I received from the Rev^d. Nath^l. Hooker, Pastor in Hartford West Division, being for his Chh. & Parish:—

Anno Domini 1758	Anno Domini 1761
Jan ^y 1 st . Number of Families, 110	Jan ^y 1 st . Number of Families, 120
Born 40	Born 29
Baptised 37, Males 16, Females 21	Baptised 24, Males 17, Females 7
Died 18, Males 11, Females 7	Died 12, Males 9, Females 3
Whereof were under 1 year, 5	Whereof were under 1 year, 1
between 1 & 10, 6	between 1 & 10, 2
between 10 & 20, 2	between 10 & 20, none
between 20 & 40, 1	between 20 & 40, 3
between 40 & 70, 3	between 40 & 70, 5
between 70 & 80, 1	between 70 & 80, none
Emigrant Families, 3	between 90 & 100, 1
	Emigrant 2.
Anno Domini 1759	Anno Domini, 1762
Jan ^y 1 st . Number of Families, 113	Jan ^y 1 st . Number of Families, 126
Born 26	Born 37
Baptised 25, Males 13, Females 12	Baptised 31, Males 11, Females 20
Died 27, Males 12, Females 15	Died 11, Males 2, Females 9
Whereof were under 1 year, 7	Whereof were under 1 year, 3
between 1 & 10, 5	between 1 & 10, 2
between 10 & 20, 3	between 10 & 20, 2
between 20 & 40, 4	between 20 & 40, 2
between 40 & 70, 5	between 40 & 50, 1
between 70 & 80, 2	between 50 & 60, 1
between 80 & 90, 1	Emigrant, 3
Emigrant Families, 5	
Anno Domini 1760	Anno Domini, 1763
Jan ^y 1 st . Number of Families, 112	Jan ^y 1 st . Number of Families, 124
Born 25	Born 26
Baptised 23, Males 13, Females 10	Baptized 21, Males 12, Females 9
Died 20, Males 9, Females 11	Died 7, Male 1, Females 6
Whereof were under 1 year, 6	under 20 years old, none
between 10 & 20, 1	between 20 & 40, 1
between 20 & 40, 8	between 40 & 60, 2
between 40 & 70, 2	between 60 & 70, 1
between 70 & 80, 2	between 70 & 80, 2
between 90 & 100, 1	between 80 & 90, 1
Emigrant Families, 2	Emigrant, 1

There appears according to the above Account to have been born in a Parish since Jan^{ry}. 1st, 1758, 157 children, & of those very identical children there are alive 135. This 18th Day of Jan^{ry}., 1763.

POSTERITY OF GOV. WILLIAM BRADFORD, WHO CAME OVER TO
NEW PLYMOUTH ABOUT 1620. NOT ACCURATE.

Gov. William Bradford married first in Holland, but had no Issue; he married his second Wife in N. Eng., the W^o. Church (from whom all the Churches are descended), by her he had Issue:

I st . Gen.	Elisha Bradford
	William Bradford, afterwards D. Gov.
	no daughters.

Elisha, Son of Gov. Bradford, married two Wives successively, by whom he had Twenty-one children, all of which (but one) died in youth & without Issue. That one married & settled at Penobscot. Elisha died about 1748, Æt. cir. 100.

Dep. Gov. William Bradford settled in Plymouth, married three wives:—by the first he had Issue:—

II ^d . Gen.	John Bradford
	Samuel
	William, ob. cir. Æt. 16, without Issue.
	Thomas
	Joseph, had great Nose. Every Body's Uncle, & [every Body loved him.

By the 2 ^d wife	James
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By the 3 ^d W.	Ephraim
	David
	Hezekiah
	Israel—and Eleven Daughters, of all the 3 Wives: two of which married Mayhews; & one married M ^r . Steel of Connecticut; one m. M ^r . Ripley at Windham. Two married towards Boston near Roxbury; one m. Simons of Saconet. . .

Jn^o. Bradf^d., Son of Dep. Gov. W^m. Bradford settled at Kingston, married & had Issue & died about 1740:—

III ^d . Gen.	Samuel Bradford, D ^r . Bradford's Father
	William D ^o .
	John, had Issue
	Elisha, ob. cir. 25 Æt. without Issue & unm ^d .
	Priscilla

Sam^l, Son of Dep. Gov., settled at Duxbury, married ———
Rogers & had Issue & died about 1724, Æt. 38.

1. Gershom Bradford
3. Perez D^o.
7. Gamaliel
2. Hannah
4. Elizabeth
5. Jerusha—Rev. M^r. Gay's Wife
6. Welthian—ob. cir. 1759, Æt. 49 cir.

Thomas, Son of Dep. Gov., settled first at Plymouth, removed to N. York, where he had Issue, & died about 1750.

Joseph, Son of Dep. Gov. Bradford, settled at New London, married, had Issue, many Children, & died about 1750, Æt. cir. 80. (Must have been older).

Priscilla, M^{rs}. Hide of Lebanon
Joseph Bradford in Middleton

James Bradford, Son of Dep. Gov., settled at Canterbury & had Issue—James Bradford, Æt. 65, if now living, 1764.

Ephraim Bradford, Son of Dep. Gov., settled at Kingstown & had Issue, five Daughters & four Sons: died 1754, Æt. 82 cir.

Hannah Bradf ^d	Ephraim
Eliz ^a	Ezekiel
Lucy	David
Abigail	Hezekiah
Ruth	

David Bradford, Son of the Dep. Gov., had Issue, 3 Sons, 1 D., at Kingstown. Ob. 1734 cir.

Jonathan Bradf^d.
Nathan
William
Lydia, married D^r. LeBaron

Hezekiah Bradford, Son of Dep. Gov., settled at Kingst., married Mary Chandler of Duxbury, had Issue, one D.; living 1764, Æt. 90 circa.

Mary Bradford, a Maiden, Æt. 60 cir.

Israel, Son of Dep. Gov., settled at Kingst^o., married Zarish Stutson. Issue numerous, perh. 10. All died in Infancy & Youth. In 1750 he buried all his Ten Children of the Throat Distemper in

fourteen Days. Whether any since, uncertain. [Added later.] Mistakes. Israel's Son Benj^a. married Zarish Stutson, &c.

One of the 11 Daugh. of Dep. Gov. W^m. Bradford married Rev. W^m. Adams of Dedham, & afterwards Major James Fitch of Norwich. She died about (after) 1745. Her Issue:—

Elizabeth Adams, b. 1680, m. Rev. Sam. Whiting & Niles.

* ——— Mrs. Collins, had 3 sons, 1 D. Ob. in 1735.

* Abigail Adams, m. Rev. M^r. Metcalf of Saconneset & the Rev. M^r. Chauncy, Hatfield. By Metcalf 9 D., no Sons; no Issue by Chauncy. Ob. in 1756.

* Eben^r. Fitch

* Dan^l. Fitch

* Theoph. Fitch

Col. Jabez Fitch [Added later.] Ob. in 1783 or Jan., 1784; Æt. 80. Grandf. of M^r. Tutor Fitch.

* Abigail Fitch, m. Col. Jn^o. Dyer.

Jerusha Fitch, m. Dan^l. Bissel.

Lucy Fitch, m. ——— Cleavland, then ———.

Melatah, Daught. & one of the s^d. 11 D. married first M^r. Steel, then M^r. Stevens, of Connecticut. She died Janry., 1747/8, Æt. 86, hence b. 1661.

Dan^l. Steel

Eliphl. Steel

Mary Steel

Eliz^a. Stevens, m. Col. Jn^o. Hubbard, of N. Haven.

Her Daugh. Eliz^a. Hubbard married Ezra Stiles . .

William Stevens

IVth. Gen.

Sam^l. Bradf^d., Son of Jn^o., Son of Dep. Gov. W^m., settled at Plymton, married Sarah Gray, had Issue, & died about 1739, Æt. cir. 50.

John Bradford

Gideon

Mary

Dr. W^m., of Bristol

Sarah

Samuel

Abigail

Phebe

William B., Son of Jn^o., son of Dep. Gov., settled at Kingston, married Hannah Foster, had 3 Sons, 1 D. & died in 1730, æt. cir. 40.

James

Jonathan

Eliphalet

Hannah, married Spalding in Canterb^r.

} lost at Sea without Issue

John B., Son of Jn^o. B., &c., settled at Kingstown, m. & had Issue,
1 S., 1 D., & died in 1720.

Robert Bradford
Rebecca

Priscilla m. Seth Chipman of Kingston—had Issue; living:

Seth Chipman
Benj^a.
Mary, a Maiden.

Gershom B., Son of Sam^l. B., Son of Dep. Gov., settled at
Kingston, m. Priscilla Wiswall, had Issue thirteen Children & died
1757, Æt. 66.

Abner Bradford—Ob. Inf. 2 M^o.
Job Ob. Inf.
Priscilla, m. ——— Norman of Newport
Rachel, ob. æt. 19, cir. 1740
Twins { Noah } Ob. æt. 22 in Holland, m. had 3 child. but all
{ Daniel } b. Feb., 1723 [stilborn
Job
Alex^r.
Solomon
Dr. Jeremiah, of East Haddam
Hopstill, m. M^r. Nash of Providence
Son, Stilborn
Daugh. Stilborn

Hannah B., Daugh. of Sam^l. B., Son of Dep. Gov. m. Nath^l.
Gilbert of Taunton; is living & has Issue:—

Col. Tho^s. Gilbert
Hannah
Nath^l., ob. 1755 at L. George
Sam^l.
Welthian
Mary
Abigal, Ob. 18 æt., no Issue
Twins, stilb.

Perez Bradford, Son of Sam^l., Son of Dep. Gov., settled at
Swanzy & m. ——— Belcher. Issue:—

Perez Bradford, Ob. 1763, leaving Issue 6 Child.
Joel, Ob. in War 1757, Bach.
Joseph
Abigal
Mary
Hannah
Eliz^a.
John

Elizabeth Bradford, D. of Sam^l. B., Son of Dep. Gov., m. Charles Whiting of Hartford, had Issue 9. Is living 1764.

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| 2 Col. John Whiting | 5 Gamaliel |
| 1 Mary | 7 Sibbil |
| 3 Charles | 8 Eliz ^a . |
| 4 W ^m . | 9 Barness |
| 6 Eben ^r . | |

Jerusha Bradford, D. of Sam^l., Son of D. Gov., married Rev. Eben^r. Gay of Hingham:

Samuel Gay, Ob. in England, æt. 22, Bach.
Calvin
Martin
Abigal
Selah
Major Jotham
Jerusha
Daughter
Daughter

Welthian Bradford, D. of Sam^l., Son of Dep. Gov., married Peter Lane of Hingham.

Hannah Lane	Lucy
Irene	Welthian
Peter	

Gamaliel B., Son of Sam^l., Son of Dep. Gov., settled at Duxbury, is one of the Councillors of the Prov. of Massach., married Abigal Bartlet:—

Samuel Bradford	Peabody, Son
Gamaliel	Ruth
Abigal	Peter } Twins
Hannah	Andrew }

The preced^d Acc^o. of the Bradford Family, or the most of it, I wrote from the Mouth of Madam Niles, whose Maiden Name was Eliz^a. Adams, whose Mother was one of the 11 Daughters of D. G. Bradford.

Extract of a Letter from Gen. Lyman,¹ dated Leicesterfields, London, July 27, 1764, to Rev^d. M^r. Dorr of Hartford:—

“—As to the Charter Governments they are not Objects agreeable to the Court or to People in general on this side the Water; but there is no motion to attack them. Some Gentlemen of Con-

¹ Phineas Lyman, Yale Coll. 1738.

sequence . . . will sometimes fling out some Threats against them, but that is far different from a Parliament's undertaking to destroy them by a Prerogative Act, which would be so great a Violation of the Rights of Common Law & so dangerous a Precedent that I can scarcely expect ever to see it done, if a good defence is made against every such Attempt."

Dr. Hunter¹ of Newport was Surgeon to the Rh. Isl^d. Reg^t. of Provincials the last War for several Campaigns & intimate with the Regular Officers. He tells me that of raw Troops new raised there returned at End of the Campaign but *Thirty nine out of a hundred*—& that this Ratio for a first Campaign was verified by repeated Experiment—& that few died in a second Campaign. So perish in a Campaign 600 out of 1000 and 6000 out of 10000.

HARTF^d. FIRST CHH. O. SOC^y

	BAPT.	DEATHS
A. D. 1749	30	
1750	27	
1751	30	
1752	34	
1753	36	
1754	34	13
1755	29	16
1756	36	24
1757	36	16
1758	38	21
1759	34	33
1760	31	24
1761	45	28
1762	25	28
1763	32	21

The Deaths in Army included & at Sea. Allow one quarter Nativities unbapt.

A D 1700	35	{ In M ^r . Woodb. day & before West Division set off.
1705	39	
1706	39	
1707	40	
1708	28	
1709	32	
1710	43	

¹ Wm. Hunter. See also Stiles' *Diary*, ii, 124.

HARTFORD FIRST CHH., REV. M^r. DORR PASTOR, CONG. OF 150 FAM.

A. D. 1763	Deaths 21 of w ^c . 5 stilb. & ob. unbapt.
	Bapt. 31 Inf. & 1 Adult . . .
1764 to Oct. 15	Bapt. 24 Deaths 23 . . .

Bethlem made a Parish about 1740, and M^r Bellamy ord. 1741 or 1742 over fifteen Families. The Parish now near 100 Fam.

Rev. M^r. Pund.,¹ Nov. 12, 1762, writes he has 20 Commun. at North Haven; in New Haven, Guilford & Branford 6 Chhs. & 160 Communicants. [M^r. Pund. died at Rye Sept^r. or Oct^r., 1764.]

M^r. Lord, Norw., bapt. about 40 yearly; not one 18th. unbapt.

Rev^d. M^r. Eells says one q^r. Ston^r. unbapt; he baptized an adult Woman by Immersion Oct. 4, 1764.

Gold Medal, one Inch & Three Quarters Diam., the Edge near one Tenth thick, weighing One Ounce, 8^{dwt.}, 10 Gr. Received Oct. 3, 1764.



This Medal was granted & Voted to the Rev^d. D^r. Eliot by the Society of Arts in the Fall of 1762. He died Apr. 22, 1763, Æt. 78. About a Fortnight before his Death he received a Letter from D^r. Templeman, Secretary of the Society, informing of the honor done him.

[Added later.] April 22, 1767.

In Memory of M^r. Pitt's Speech in Parliament, Janry., 1766, for the Repeal of the American Stamp Act, Medals of Copper, Silver & Gold were struck, one Inch and six Tenths Diameter, one Tenth thick at the Edge & the central Thickness two Tenths of an Inch, the Figure of M^r. Pitt being in alto Relievo & taking in his Head & half his Body. I rec'd it Apr. 22, 1767. . . .

¹ Ebenezer Punderson, Yale Coll. 1726.



Tradition in Eliot Family is that the Ancestor, Rev^d. M^r. Eliot of Roxbury, called the Indian Apostle, bro't out of Engld. his Library in Twenty Three Barrells of Books. A great part of which came down to D^r. Jared Eliot of Killingworth, & after his Death into Dr. Gale's hands, his Son in Law.

Capt. Stevens of Boston has 6000 Acres in Ashford. The summer of 1764 the second season of his Raising Hemp—had Thirty Acres this year 'tended by one Man & Boy by plowing between; took thirty hands at Pulling—expects Twenty Tons Hemp at £60. Proc. besides 200 Bush. seeds worth 20/ per Bush. Tot. Produce £1400. Proc. . . .

WHITES AND BLACKS

Nova Scotia	12000
Newfoundland	2000
New Hamp.	40000
Massach.	300000
Connect.	150000
Rh. Isl ^d .	40000
N. Y.	130000
Jersies	110000
Pensyl.	300000
Maryl.	180000
Virgin.	250000
North Car.	100000
S ^o . Carol.	150000
Georgia	30000
	1794000
Canada	250000
Florida	10000
	2054000

Barb.	} Isl ^{ds} .	100000	}	420000
Jam.		200000		
Ant.		60000		
Rest		60000		

 2474000

 Mr. Dorr's Estimate.

At D^r. Eliot's Death only 2 Chh. fam. in Killing. & one since, viz.: M^r. Ward, Stiles Stevens, M^r. Morgan. Above 140 Fam. of Presby. The Parsonage above 300 Acres; cuts 30 Loads hay & rents for £30. Proc. per ann.

In Darby & Oxford 70 Fam. Chh., being one Third the Town, as M^r. Tomlinson, a Chhman, told me. 3 fam. in S^o.bury, a dozen in Roxbury. . . .

 EXTRACT NORTH HAVEN CHH. RECORDS.

	DEATHS		MALES	UNDER ÆT. 2	BAPTISMS		MALES
In 1761	12	of w ^o	7	6	25	of w ^o .	15
1762	8		5	2	42		15
1763	7		3	1	23		18
Oct. 1764	6		3	3	13		7
	33		18		103		55

 . . MR. WHITTELSEY'S MEETG. AT NEW HAVEN

N ^o . half	Wall pews	60 Persons
	Sq ^r . Body	65
		125
		2
	All Below	250
	Gallery	130
		380

and yet full & rather crowded.

M^r. Champ. Litchf^d. Meeting contained about 430. Crowded. Both large Meetinghouses.

 All Freemen in Connecticut enrolled in Secr^y. Off. till 1730 . . .

D^r. Smith of Hartford tells me that Green Color appears the same to him near & at a Distance—but Red at a distance he can't

distinguish from Green. He can't see red Cherries on a Tree—yet when Cherries are bro't near him they appear red.

M^r. Mansfield's Mission, 22 Bap., Communic^{ts}., 169. . . .

M^r. Fish's Parish, Stonington, 180 Fam. of w^c. 110 Separates. Tot. List 12000. Adherents 60 Fam., 7000 List. Voted £65. & £10. Int. Salary.

M^r. Dorr's Meet^g. about 400 Persons. . . .

M^r. Dorr's Chh. Presb.; M^r. Whitman's Congreg.¹ . .

Dec^r. 25, 1764. I being at Chh. in Newport, about 50 feet off the Cushion on Pulpit appeared to me a deep green for some Time at first: afterwards & before Service was finished I was surprizd to see it a Red. N. B. The Snow on the Ground contracted the Pupil of the Eye: the Ground was covered. The Cushion is red Velvet.

Simon Peas, Esq^r., of Newport, formerly Assistant of Rh. Isl., has A. D. 1764 Eighteen Thousand Dollars in the Massach. Treasury lent to the Province, for which he has Treasury Notes, Interest six per cent. He says the Province of Mass. now pay an Interest of *Seventy Two Thousand Pounds Lawful Money annually* for Monies hired. This implies the Credit of the Province engaged for £1200000. I believe M^r. Peas mistaken, & that it is Old Tenor instead of Proc. So the principal, £120000. Ster., Int. £7200. Ster. Mr. Jacobs of Newport has four Thousand Sterling in that Treasury. . .

D^r. Franklin sent from Lond. in A. D. 1760 Seeds of Tartarian Rhubarb to D^r. Eliot & D^r. Babcock, which they sowed 1761, and 1764 in Sept^r. a Root of each was taken up by D^r. Gale & D^r. Babcock; the least Branch of D^r. Gale's was one Inch & half Diam.—D^r. Eliot distributed the seeds at Saybrook &c. &c. & this will probably begin the propagation of Rhubarb in N. Eng., the Æra of w^c. must commence with the Conquest of Canada. It is Nine Years in arriving to Perfection. D^r. Gale shewed me some taken up this year which he had pulverized: it is of a lighter color than the Turkey Rhubarb, but he had never given so as to experiment the Effect.

¹ Rev. Edward Dorr, pastor of the 1st Church, Hartford; Rev. Elnathan Whitman, pastor of the 2d or South Church.

D^r. Eliot's principal Correspond. :—M^r. Jackson, Memb. of Parl^t. & Agent for Conn.; M^r. P. Collinson, Silk Mercer, F. R. S.; Jn^o. Mills, Esq^r., Author Tract on Husbandry; D^r. Templeman, Sec^y Soc. Arts; Judge Oliver, Middleboro; D^r. Franklin; M^r. Quincy, Brantree; Alex^r. Colden, Esq^r., Son of Lt. Gov., as Conveyancer. . . .

Flock Sheep New Haven 1300, may be one Third—rather 4000 Sheep in first Parish—may be half as many in each other Parish. . . .

M^r. Vincent of Lunenburg says his Mission contains 300 Fam., 15 or 1600 Souls—between 40 & 50 Fam. are French, rest Germans. Oct., 1761, the Child. under 12 æt., 561.

M^r. Breynton, no. Parishioners in Halifax about 1300, of w^e. 850 Episc^o., including 250 French & Germ., and 250 respected Rom. Cath.—remaining 450 are Dissenters. Messrs. Wood & Breynton bapt. in preced^d y^r. 160, buried 120.

M^r. Bennet's Mission:

Horton	670 Persons	370 children
Cornwallis	518	319
Falm.	278	146
Newp.	251	111
	<u>1717</u>	<u>946</u>

He baptized 16 & buried 3; his Commun. 18; married 3. . . .

Reading & Newtown about 2000 Souls, 1000 Chh. & 1000 Dissent. When M^r. Beach¹ began his Mission he had about 200 Communicants, now, 1762, has 300; of w^e. 160 in Newtown & in Reading 90 to 100 . . .

Comp^a. Military Adventurers², 2000 Subscribers, but about 500 p^d.; in Aug., 1764, rest discontinued. The Comp^a. pitched at S^t. Jn^o. River, Nov. Scot. Gen. Lyman pitched on Ohio . .

¹ Rev. John Beach (Yale 1721) took charge of the Church of England Missions in Newtown and Redding, Conn., in 1732.

² An association, mainly composed of soldiers in the French and Indian Wars, in whose behalf Gen. Phineas Lyman (Yale 1738) had gone to England to solicit a grant of land.

Sam^l. Whitehead, an orig. Settler of N. H., had Issue Sam^l, who died without Issue; Stephen.

Mem^o. S^d. Sam^l. I. had Sister Sarah who m. Gregson & both died without Issue. [Added later:] i. e., she & her husb^d, yet Lands are laid out to this Sarah Gregson.

Steph. Wh. m. Mary Alling (I knew) & had Issue, Stephen Whiteh^d, only child, who married Mary Miles & had Issue only Sarah Whitehead who married to D^r. Lev^t. Hubbard by whom she has Issue . . .

Chh. Fam. Waterb ^y & Westb ^y	68	105 Commun.
Northb ^y .	37	49
Camb.	28	47
1761, Bapt. 21 Inf.		. . .

50 Child. & more born in Cornwall 1764—about half doz. Deaths. . . .

M^r. Lord says he had an Order of £40. on B^o. when he married & no more: M^{rs}. Devotion as much—my Mother double.¹ The Salary Arrearages £40.

M^r. Elles tells me he had not one Admission into his Chh. Stonington in fifteen years till this year 1764, when he admitted a Woman whom at her Desire he baptized by Immersion. . . .

1765. June 3. Visited M^{rs}. Banister & rode on to Fogland Ferry², 7^d. Visited Col. Almy, Æ. 85 & lodged at W^o. Sam^l. Almy's, 14^d. Col. Almy 19 y. Member of Mass. Gen. Assembly & employed in Laying out Line of Towns across from Merrimack to Conn. River.

4. Rode to Antony's; dined, 1/5.

5. At Acushnet, detained by Rain. D^r. Toby tells me the Census of Dartmouth taken in May last was 4495 Whites Souls—about 30 Negroes & perh. 50 Indians. That 1000 of the 4495 were on East side of Acushnet. That there were 600 Dwell^g houses, scarce 100 families Congreg^a., not so many Bapt., the rest, i. e., near three Quarters Quakers.

¹ Dr. Stiles's mother, a daughter of Rev. Edward Taylor, of Westfield, Mass., had one sister who married Rev. Benjamin Lord of Norwich, and another who married Rev. Ebenezer Devotion of Suffield.

² From Portsmouth, in Rhode Island, to Fogland Point in Tiverton.

6. At Crans, 3 Pist. At Rochester, 1 Pist. At Rev^d. M^r. Tim^o. Ruggles at Rochester. Chh. Records. Chh. gathered Oct. 13, 1703. M^r. Sam^l. Arnold ord. same day. Rev. Tim^o. Rugg. ord. 22 Nov., 1710. M^r. Arnold ob. 1708. Son of M^r. Arnold, Pastor of Chh. Marshfield, who had a learned but not a College Education.

This day rode fr. Acushnet to Rochester, 7 M. Dined and visited Rev. M^r. Ruggles, 80 æt. In Aft. rode 7 M. north to M^r. West's Meet^s near Quitticus Pond in Upper Rochester . .

7. Above 600 Polls in Middleborough & 3700 Souls. 1 Pister-een. Visited Rev. M^r. Conant, who told me that L^t. Gov. Hutchinson was continuing his History. . . Dined at Dean's, 1/6. Rode to Taunton & heard Rev. M^r. Crocker preach Lecture. Rode 6 Miles to Dighton. 1178 Whites. Lodged at Whitmarsh's in Dighton, 1/6 . . Raynham 700 Souls.

8. Rode 12 Miles to Warren. At Tavern 10^d. Bristol Ferry 9^d, Boy 9^d. . . .

Oct. 7, 1765. A Map of the Colony of Connecticut by order of the General Assembly was taken in the Summer of this year 1765. The principal Roads by actual Survey & Admeasurement, the Plans & Surveys of Townships were procured from the Secretary's Office at Hartford, and the whole concinnated & adjusted by three Gentlemen appointed by the Assembly, viz., Messrs. Spalding, Parks & , all of the Colony. It was presented to the Assembly this October Session and approved. Two Copies were ordered to be transmitted home to the Board of Trade. I took off one for myself. It is about Three feet & half in Length & two in Breadth.¹
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Ens. Billings of Groton shewed me the List of his Company 1757 & 1758—In one about 100 Train & 47 Shewers Arms—other 91 and 40 or thereabouts. So those who do not train near one Third.
 . . .

Petitions offered to the Parliament 1765 for
 I. Merch^{ts}. in Lond. trad^d. to Amer. by M^r. Fuller, a W. Ind. Planter, Member of Parl^t. Withdrew Petit.
 II. Sir W^m. Meridith presented one in Behalf of Virginia drawn up by Agent Montegue. Negatived.

¹ No copy of this map seems to be now traceable.

III. M^r. Jackson offered Connect. Petition. Negatived. He then informed that he had one for Mass., but as it related also to the Sugar Act, &c., he deferred it.

IV. M^r. Charles (not a Member), Agent for N. Y., could not prevail with any Member to introduce it.

V. M^r. Garth, Memb. & Agent for S^c. Carolina, presented Petit. Negatived. The rest of the agents discouraged.

Only M^r. Beckford & General Conway disputed the Right of Parl^t. & Gen. Conway *only* one that denied it.

M^r. Oglevie¹ in Lett. to the Society, Feb. 1, 1760, informs his going Chaplain to Niagara. "All the Mohawks & almost all the Six Nations (or Tribes), they in all amounting to Nine hundred & fourty Men, were upon that Service."

Abst. 1761, p. 46.

So the 6 Nations Confederacy contain at most one Thousand fighting Men, or six Thous^d Souls. This is the greatest Body of Indians in the Vicinity of the Northern Provinces, from Virginia to Nova Scotia, & West to Mischelemakena.

M^r. Ingersoll told me that the pamphlet on the Right &c of Parl^t. to tax America was wrote by M^r. Hamilton, one of the Board of Trade. Entitled "Regulation of the Colonies."² N. B. I don't find Ham. in List of Board of Trade.

Yale College Spirit Thermometer . . in President Clap's house, Oct., 1765, when he being present told me the lowest Descent within his Observation was 22. deg. in Extream Cold which I take to be 107 on the scale. Also I suppose the obs. was taken in a Room without Fire. . .

Oct^r. 24, 1765. Connect. Assembly Lower house passed Resolves ag^t. Stamp Act; full house, only five dissenting Votes, viz. Mess^{rs}. Seth Wetmore, Tho^s. Fitch, Jun^r., M^r. Platt, M^r. Glover & Dr. Gale. The house consists of about 130 Members.

¹ Rev. John Ogilvie (Yale 1748), Episcopal missionary in Albany.

² The authorship was later avowed by the Hon. George Grenville.

Fitch	} 5	85 votes for
Thatcher		5 Negatives
Platt		<u>90</u>
Glover		129 Tot. Members belonging to House &
Tousey or Wetmore		<u>39 absent</u>

Yale College	Senior Class	36	Oct., 1765
Juniors		23	
Soph.		30	
Fresh.		18	
		<u>107</u>	

Public Debt in Arrear in the Colonies	£800000 Ster.
Civil Estab. in Eng.	800000
D ^o . Colonies	40000
Nat. Debt	140 Million

Glad to get for Stamp Act	40 or 50000
Post office Duties, &c.	<u>50000</u>

	100000
Parl ^t . advance	<u>200000</u>
	300000

George Greenville's Discourse with Mr. Ingersol.

Mr. Dexter of Dedham draughted the Answer to Gov. Barnard's Speech, Oct., 1765. [Added later.] Rather Mr. Sam^l. Adams of Boston. . . .

EMINENT TUTORS OF YALE COLLEGE

Grad. A. D. Names

1703	*William Hart	a Minister, E. Guilford.
1704	*Phineas Fisk	D ^o . Haddam
1714	Sam ^l . Johnson	Pres. N. Y. Coll. Episc ^o . Miss. and D.D.
	*Daniel Brown	Episc ^o . Miss. died in Eng ^d . 1723, æt. cir. 26.
1719	William Smith, N. Y.	Att ^o . at Law. & of the Council at N. Y. & Ch. Just.
1720	*Daniel Edwards	Att ^o . at Law. of the Council in Connect. & Judge Sup. Court
	*Jon ^a . Edwards	Pres ^t . Nassau Coll. Minister Northamp. & Stockbr. died 1758, æt. 57.
1727	*Daniel Hubbard	Merch ^t . died about 1740
1729	*John Sergeant	Minister to Ind. Stockbridge. died 1749. æt. 42 circa.

1730	William Adams	Lives a retired philosophic Life
1734	William Wolcott	Much the same
1735	James Lockwood	Minister at Weatherst ^d . & Fellow of Y. C.
1738	Chauncy Whittelsey	Minister at New Haven
1740	John Worthington	Att ^o . at Law
	Thomas Darling	
1741	Noah Welles	Minister at Stamford
1743	*Samuel Fisk	Died 1749. æt. cir. 26
1745	Warham Williams	Minister at Northford
1749	James Ab ^m . Hillhouse	Att ^o . at Law
1753	Seth Pumroy	Minister at Greenfield
1758	*Jonathan Lyman	Died May 4, 1766, æt. 29

E M I N E N T I S S I M I

W ^m Hart	Opt.
Sam ^l . Johnson	
Dan ^l . Edwards	
Jon ^a . Edwards	
John Sergeant	Opt.
C. Whittelsey	
Sam ^l . Fisk	
Jon ^a . Lyman	Opt

Sundry Europeans who after receiving the Academical Honors, particularly the Doctorate in Physic, have come over & settled in America—especially the Northern Provinces.

S	William Douglass	Bost.	M.D. Edinb.	
S	—— Macgraw	N. Y.	M.D. Ed.	
E	John Brett	Newp.	M.D. Lugd. Bat. 1733	
S	And ^w . Hunter	D ^o .	M.D. Edin.	{ Quere. Some have Tickets to hear Lectures.
S	Thomas Moffat	D ^o .	M.D. Edin.	
S	—— Grant	Jamaica	M.D. Aberd. 1750 ¹	

June 2^d, 1766. Set out with Madam Ellery for Tiverton; and Lodged at Widow Almy's.

3. At M^{rs}. Almy's 20/. Hicks 12/. dined at W^o. Slocum's; & Lodged at Capt. Willis's with M^r. West, Acushnet.

4. Rode to Rochester, the Rev. Tim^o. Ruggles, accompanied with Rev^d. Sam^l. West of Dartmouth. Lodgd there & dined.

¹ The M.D. affixed to the last three names of this list has been at a later date cancelled. The letters prefixed to the names signify "Scotch" and "English."

5. Rode to Middleboro Precinct to Rev^d. M^r. Turner's, accompanied with M^r. West. Lodgd there.

6. About XI^h. Parted with M^r. West at M^r. Turner's & rode for Taunton. Dined at ——— 43/. Rode to Dighton; Lodged 54/. Visited the Rev. & aged M^r. Fisher.

7. At Slade's ferry & Oats 19/. Howland's 11/. Dined at Turner's 35/.

J. Scott's Hist. of Masonry, published 1758. List of Lodges in . . . N^o. America:—Georgia, 1; N^o. Carol., 1; Virginia, 2; New Eng., 1 = 5. N. B. All the American Lodges were not exhibited above; for 1758 there were 2 Lodges at Boston, one at Piscataqua, 1 Newport, one at Provid., 1 at New Haven, & I think several more. Besides at N. York, Philad^a., &c. were more. . . .

Rev. Sam^l. West, Sen^r., Pastor Chh. Dartm^o., ord. June 3^d, 1761. Chh. of Dartmouth first gathered Sept. 26, 1716. First Minister Rev. M^r. Hunt . .

Col. Willet of North Kingston says his Grandfather Willet's¹ Inventory was above Twenty Thous^d Pounds Sterl^a.; that he had thirty Negroes at Swanzy—was first Mayor of City of New York. . .

There are Two Episcopal Families in Dartmouth. . . .

Rev^d. Tho^s. Bridge, a foreigner, settled in first Chh., Boston, about 1700. When Dispute Cong. & Presb., he was Cong.; the Presb. party of that Chh. & other Chhs. in Town formed a Chh. & settled D^r. Coleman. . .

Rev^d. Tim^o. Ruggles of Rochester in fifty-five years has married Four Hundred Couples wanting one. . .

¹ Thomas Willet, Mayor of New York, 1665, died in Rhode Island, 1674.

The 2^d Chh. in Middleboro' gathered about 1720. M^r. Benj^a. Ruggles first Pastor removed to ———. M^r. Turner present pastor ordained June, 1761. Now about 30 Males & 30 fem. Communicants. 130 Fam. . .

Rev. Sam^l. Treat, Son of Gov. Treat of Connecticut was first Minister of Eastham on Cape.

2^d Parish, Rev^d. Sam^l. Osborn first Pastor & Joseph Crocker second & present.

Successor to M^r. Treat was Rev. Benj. Webb ordained Oct. 7, 1719, died in the Ministry Aug. 21, 1746, æt. 51. Succeeded by Edw^d. Cheever, present pastor. He was dismissed from Lynn.

These two Parishes are not by Law but Agreement. Both Ministers p^d. by Parish. Same Instance, Sudbury. . . .

M^r. Webb, an Episcopalian, says about Twenty Families of Episc^o. in Taunton & about Ten more in neighb^d Towns under M^r. Lyon. . .

Mem^o. Dec^r. 8, 1766. In the City of New York the Episcopalians are incorporated by the name of Rector, &c. They have one Chh., I think Trinity, & two Chapels, S^t. George & S^t. Paul. S^t. Paul's was met in for the first Time, Nov. —, 1766, when it was consecrated & named by D^r. Auchmuty, the Rector. M^r. Jn^o. Turner (Musician) was present; he told me that there were Violins, Bass Viols, French Horns, Flutes, Hautboys, &c. used in the Musick in public Worship at the Consecration of the Chapel. There was no Organ. This may be remembered to be the first Instance, as far as I can learn, of Violins, &c. in sacred Worship in America, being the hundred & fourty-sixth year since the Land^d at Plymouth. . .

33 LORDS' PROTEST AGAINST REPEAL, &c.

Estimated produce of the Stamp Act *sixty Thousand* per Ann.—
"if divided among Twelve Hundred Thousand people (being little more than one half of the Subjects of the Crown in N^o. America)
would be only one shilling per head a year." As the Act extended

to the English W. India Islands, I suppose they are included in "N^o. America." Hence the subjects in N^o. Amer. are reckoned by the Lords at about *Two Millions & a Quarter* of Souls: this I believe the Truth, inclusive of the Negroes. As soon as the Peace of 1763 was finished, the Lords of Trade sent circular Letters to the Colonies with Questions relative to their Politics, Revenues, Number of Inhab., provincial Debts, &c., &c. An actual Numeration of the Inhab. was then made in New England (except Rh. Island) & I believe in all the Colonies. Hence the Lords went upon a recent Census. Mr. Pitt estimated them at Three Millions. . . I judge M^r. Pitt's estimate too large and that of the Lords nearly the truth, perhaps rather too big . . .

July 16, 1766. I saw at the Commencement at Cambridge & conversed with the Reverend John Barnard of Marblehead, who told me he was in his Eighty-fifth year, & should be 85 æt. if he lived to Nov. next. He was educated at Harvard College, where he proceeded Bachelor of Arts 1700—went to London—returned by the End of Q. Ann's Reign & settled Marblehead 18 July 1716. . .

Wrentham Meet^house now building. The whole will cost £1,500 L. M. or £1,100. Ster. The Steeple built by Subscription, & costs less than £190. L. M. . .

THERM. CAMBRIDGE.

1766. July 10. being Thursday Morn^e. Pres^t. Holyoke's Sp. Therm. on Staircase near a large Window: 77½

		98 Noon
		91 Night
11	Morn ^e	89
	Noon	101
	Night	91
12	Morn ^e	84
	Noon	90
	Night	83

Professor Winthrop's Obs. with Fahrenheit's Therm. suspended by the side of a North open Window in Cambridge:

July 10.	6¾ M.	71½.
	5 E.	87½
11.	4¾ M.	77
	5 E.	91
12.	7 M.	77½
	3¼ E.	83½

Hottest on Friday about 4 or 5 P. M.

July 11, at Newport about one o'clock P. M. Fahr. 93½. So 2½ Deg. hotter than at Cambridge . .

Yale College, Hawksbee's Therm. Sp^t. . . Feb. 7, 1747/8. Sp^t. Th. stood at 7½ in extream Cold. "It was never above 5 degrees hard Winter 1741," said Presid^t. Clap. That is as I understand it in 1748 the Sp^t. descended to 97½ = 13½ in extreme Cold = to within 7½ in Ext. Cold. In 1741 it descended to within 5 deg. of the End of Ext. cold, i. e., 100 upon the Scale, or 15 in ext. cold. But these Obs. were in a Room where seldom was fire.

Boston, Dr. Perk. 100, Janry. 1, O. S. 1752.

Janry. 2, 1767. Y. Coll. Therm. was 26½ in Ext. Cold, i. e., as I suppose 111½ on the Scale. . . .

ADVOCATES FOR STAMP ACT, DEC^r. 19, 1766.

MASS.		Gen. Gage
Gov. Bernard vigorous		Officers Army & Navy
Lt. Gov. Hutchinson Quere		Customh. Off. .
Sec ^r . Oliver		
Judge Admiralty		JERSEY
Customhouse Officers, B ^o ., Salem, &c.		Gov. Franklin mod.
Militia Officers for perh. 40 Reg ^{ts} .		Speaker Ogden
Episc ^o .		Councillors
		Civil & Militia Off.
N. HAMP.		
Gov. Wentworth		PENSYLV ^a .
Lt. Gov. Temple		Jn ^o . Hughes
Councillors		Quakers & ⅓ Episc ^o .
Episcopalians, 100 Fam.		
N. YORK		VIRG.
Lt. Gov. Colden vigorous		Lt. Gov. Fauquier Mod.
Councillors		Navy Off.
		Customh. Off.

N ^o . CAR ^o .	GEORGIA
L ^t . Gov. Trion vigorous	Gov. Wright vigorous
Councellors	& Posse
Ch. Justice	Canada, Nova Scot., Two Floridas
Customh. Off.	Military & Naval
S ^o . CARO.	
L ^t . Gov. Bull moderate	W. Indies, except S ^t . Kitt's, &c.
Saxby	Army, 15 Reg ^{ts} . or more
Scots Presb.	
Scots Episc ^o .	
Customh. Off.	

May 26, 1767 . . A Mile square in the Center of Dudley¹ reserved for Indians. Perhaps now Ten families or less. Diminished three Quarters in Memory. M^r. Gleason of Dudley says there are but Two Men, & inclusive of these but nine Souls Indians now living—& that about 250 Acres are lately sold by Permission of the General Assembly. . .

D^r. Church bo't. a Farm of about 70 Acres on Ninkytusket (or Nipponickitt) Pond in Bridgewater for £200 L. M. Hired a House large built for £200 L. M. . . .

From June 3, 1714, to 22^d. Sept. no Rain, not even Thunder Shower. Attest Pres. Holyoke. . .

1767. June 4. Excessive hot. At M^r. Jn^o. Fobes's in Bridgewater, about 7 Miles N. E. from Taunton, I suspended the Therm. first in N^o. Shade of the house, where it stood at 94 very soon. Then under a north Shed over the Manger; & by 35' after Noon it rose to 100. At XII. 40' suspended under Apple tree in free current of Wind, tho' small; & it did not descend below 98 till after I. nor even till after II. 16' . . .

A Man at Felches in Killingly tells me he is Æt. 63. His Father's was the seventh family which settled Killingly, & bro't him there

¹ Worcester County, Massachusetts.

when 10 months old. Now 1767 are three Meetinghouses, besides 2 Separate Meetings. Mr. Fisk told me that when he settled there, Killingly contained about 45 Families. If now there are 400 Fam., so have doubled Times in perh. 50 years. . .

"Whereas the Pastor & Chh. in North Woodstock have proposed to the Pastor & Chh. in S^o. Woodstock, that said South in Terms explicit should signify their Esteem of s^d. Pastor & Chh. in the North as in regular Ecclesiastical & Ministerial Standing, with their purpose of conducting towards them as such, engaging thereupon to do the same towards the Pastor & Chh. in said South.

"And whereas said South Chh. & Pastor have proposed that the Chh. & Pastor in said North should extend & exercise their Charity & Fellowship towards the s^d South Chh. & Pastor, engaging that this should put an End to all Differences subsisting between them, by a mutual Forgiveness of all Offences & a Christian Deportment for the future.

"Which two Proposals, upon the Review of them, seem to be nearly the same. And as the Proposals have been formally recognized and voted each in the Chh. which made them: it appears to us, that there is by such respective votes virtually an Act of Forgiveness & Oblivion mutually already passed between said Churches. As a Ratification of which, we the Pastor & Brethren of the North Church, renewedly vote to overlook & forgive all that has been offensive to us in the South Church: engaging for the future to conduct towards them as becomes a Church in Christian Fellowship."

The foregoing is the unanimous Advice of the neighbour Ministers who met at Pomfret Dec. 2, 1766, viz. the Rev^d. M^r. Mosely, M^r. Devotion, M^r. Cogswel, M^r. Whitney, M^r. Ripley, M^r. Russel, M^r. Williams, M^r. Brown, M^r. Putnam & M^r. Burroughs.

At a Chh. Meeting Dec^r. 18, 1766, "Question put—whether this Chh. do accept of & comply with the Contents of said Paper. Voted in the Affirmative.

"Attest, Abel Stiles, Pastor."

This is also supposed to have been voted by the Chh. in S^o. Woodstock under the Care of Rev^d. Abiel Leonard on the 17th. of May, 1767.

JUNE 22, 1767.

1728 BELEVE
10 IN
21 CHRIST
& LIVE IN NO SIN

This is an Inscription which I took off a Rock, $5\frac{1}{2}$ feet long, $2\frac{1}{2}$ feet widest, on the Shore at Brenton's Point, a little North of the Reef & at the S. W. Corner of Rhode Island, 5 Miles S. W. from Newport. It is supposed to have been put on by Rev^d. Nathaniel Clap. I suppose the 10, 21 under 1728 denote 21st day of 10th Month, or Oct^r. 21, 1728. M^r. Clap died in Newport 1745, having Labored in the Ministry from 1695 or 50 years.

July 8, 1767. I viewed a Stone at Price's Cove . . . The Stone light grey & hard. The Inscription, "8.21.1728. GOD PRESERVE ALL MANKIND," is daily trodden upon by the passing fishermen. The figures, 21 of 8 m^o. 1728, are done by separate Dots. The Letters are done in the same manner as those at the Point, above a Mile Westward. On another Stone is a number of seeming Incisions of the Wedge or Runic Kind, but evidently the Work of Nature only.

G. R. These may certifie, whom it may concern that Lawrence Payne & Martha Milson Barand, Spinster, were married in the Parish of S^t. Bridget, London, on the 3^d Day of March, 1729, according to the Rights & Ceremonies of the Chh. of England, as appears by the Register in the Custody of

JOSHUA LILLEY.

Per EDWARD ASHWELL, M.

Witnesses present, &c. . . .

OXFORD ASSOCIATION

Rev ^d . Charles Gleason	Pastor of the Church in Dudley
Rev ^d . Benj ^a . Conklin	Pastor Chh. in Leicester
Rev ^d . Caleb Curtiss	Oxford, Charleton District
Rev ^d . Joseph Sumner	Shrewsbury, S ^o . Precinct
Rev ^d . Joseph Bowman	Oxford
Rev ^d . James Welman dismissed 1761	} in Character & continue to meet in Association
Rev ^d . William Phipps D ^o . 1765	
M ^r . Welman was Pastor of Sutton—M ^r . Phipps of Douglass.	

This Assoc. formed about 1745. Meetings twice a year generally, viz. last week in April & last week in September. Charlton District consists of Western part of Oxford & S^o. part of the Gore.

BROOKFIELD ASSOCIATION

Rev ^d . Benj ^a . Ruggles	New Brantree
Rev ^d . White	Hardwick
Rev ^d . Joshua Eaton	Spencer, W. Dist. in Leicester
Rev ^d . Jones	Western
Rev ^d . Eli Forbes	Brookfield N ^o . Precinct
Rev ^d . Joseph Parsons	D ^o . West Precinct
Rev ^d . Fisk	D ^o . East Precinct
Rev ^d . Thayer	Ware River
Rev ^d . Joshua Payne	Sturbridge

MENDON ASSOCIATION

Rev ^d . Jos. Dorr	Mendon
Rev ^d . David Hall	Sutton, S ^o . Precinct
Rev ^d . Webb	Uxbridge
Rev ^d . Aaron Hutchinson	Grafton
Rev. Amariah Frost	Mendon, 2 ^d Precinct
Rev. Thurston	Medway
Rev. Elisha Fish	Upton
Rev. Eben ^r . Chaplin	Sutton, N ^o . Precinct

FRAMINGHAM OR DEDHAM ASSOC.

Framingham	1	Pastor
Sherburn	1	
Medfield	1	
Dedham	3	
Walpole	1	
Needham	1	

CAMBRIDGE ASSOC.

Cambridge	2	Littleton	
Charlest ^o	2	Colleagues	Brookline 1
Lexington	1		Newtown 1
Bedford			Watertown 1
Lincoln			Weston 1
Concord			Waltham 1

ASSOC. PLYM^o. OR &C.

Plymouth	2	One associates. M ^r . Bacon don't associate.
Plympton	2	one assoc. M ^r . Howland don't.
Middleboro	3	
Rochester	4	M ^r . Ruggles don't assoc.
Raynham	1	
(Taunton)		

Bridgewater	4	} Mr. Perkins ord. Oct. 1721. He & Mr. Keith in Ministry 102 y. to 1767, be- sides Interreg. 2 y. So Chh. 1663.
Abington	1	
Halifax	1	

HINGHAM ASSOCIATION

Hingham	3	
Scituate	2	
Hanover	1	
Pembroke	2	
Kingston	1	
Duxbury	1	
Marshfield	2	don't associate—doubtful.
Weymouth	2	one Vacant.
Hull	1	don't joyn.

Rec^d. this Acc^o. of Dedh., Camb., Plym. & Hingham Associations fr. Rev^d. Mr. Perkins of Bridgewater, June 4, 1767. Mr. Perkins & Mr. Angier don't meet in Assoc. About 5 y. ago Plym. Assoc. meet^{gs} resumed regularly.

Bridgewater was settled about 1653. Mr. Keith was there 56 years. Died 1719. Philip in 1675 attacked Bridgewater with 600 Indians & on May 8 burnt all the houses not pallisadoed—English Band there then was 26 Men. They had a Pawaw when the Devil appeared in the Shape of a Bear walk^g on his 2 hind feet; the Indians all followed him & drew off. The Indians s^d. if the Appear^r. had been a Deer they would have destroyed the whole Town & all the English.

Hucomauk Swamp in S. W. of Bridgewater. Tradition that the Devil came out of it.

Not Ten souls Indians now in Bounds of Bridgewater Town.

Mr. Israel Holly was about 4 y. ago ordained Pastor of a Congreg^a. Chh. in Suffield, as they call themselves. He studied something under Rev^d. Mr. Searl of Sharon—became a Preacher among the Separates, and was ordained by Mr. Fuller & other Separate Ministers over this Sep. Chh. in Suffield w^c. consists of fifty Members Male & Female; the Meet^g. about 250 Persons usually. Mr. Holly carried on a printed controversy with Rev^d. Mr. Beckwith of Lyme on the Power of the Chh. to ordain its Officers & govern itself . . .

June 17, 1767. I viewed Rocks in M^r. Job Almy's Farm in Portsm^o. on the Shore of West Side of Rhode Island, over against Prudence. And find there Inscriptions of the same kind as those at Assonet, tho not so distinct & well done. These Rocks are seven Miles North of Newport. . . .

Northborough, June 2, 1767. On a Square of Glass at M^r. Agar's in his Window, stands the following Inscription deeply written with a Diamond:

"I sailed from Boston the 10th. of May last—ariv'd in London in June following Sail'd again, 22^d. of Octobr in a Man-Warr Bound to Boston Mett with bad Weather Cary'd away our Bowsprit & Sprang Our Mast Oblig'd to put of the Coast got in to South Carolina the 9th of January. I set out by Land & With the Same Horse I Set out With I arived Here February 27. 1747/8.¹ I Mett with Neither Snow nor Ice untill I Rode above 700 Miles Sence that nothing but Snow & Ice for above 300 Miles' together.

"When I left South Carolina fine Warm Weather Oranges & Lemmons growing plenty on the Trees.

"JOHN GORHAM, afoot."

One Fam. in Bridgwater disciplined for Drunk. 20 y. ago, & went to D^r. Miller & turnd Chhman. He has a child married & Chhm.—2 or 3 more. Not a doz. fam. in Bridgwater.

Rev^d. James Keith a Scotsman & first Minister of Bridgwater died "July 23, 1719 Æt 76"—Tombstone.

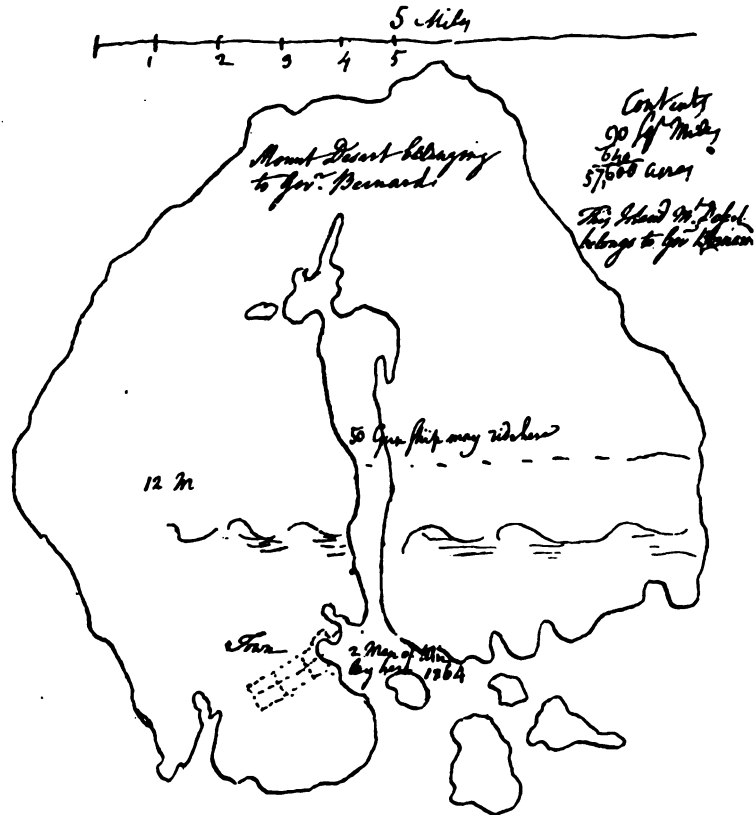
His Wife Susanna died Oct. 16, 1705. Æt. 65. . .

In the Whitfieldian Times about 1745 & circa, great Breaches in the Associations of Hingh., Plym. &c. In Hingham Assoc. the Old Lights prevailed & the New Lights withdrew, & named the Assoc. Arminian, Arian, &c. In Plym^o. Assoc. the New Lights prevailed & the Old withdrew, & the Assoc. for a Time broke up—but soon after continued by some New Lights & others. And the Sp^t. of Enthusiasm hav^e cooled, M^r. Perkins & M^r. Angier &c. were invited to reassemble; but M^r. Perkins tells me he has not met lately tho'

¹ Here by another hand is inserted "& died in London of y^e small pox in Jan^y 1752." . . .

he formerly attended Associations for thirty years—& now excuses himself rather for Age. . . .

Mt. Desert 20 m^l. East fr. Mouth of Penobscot.



1767. June 5. Rode 7 M. from Taunton to Assonet; M^r. Edward Shove, Gr. son of famous Rev^d. M^r. Shove of Taunton (who died in 1684) went with me to the Writing Rock on East side Taunton River. I decyphered a few Characters; lodged there, and

6th. Spent the forenoon in Decyphering about Two Thirds the Inscription, which I take to be in Phœnician Letters & 3,000 years old.¹ . . .

¹ It has not been thought necessary to reproduce here the copies made by Dr. Stiles, which are contained in his Itinerary.

Red hard flinty Stone. Inscription on a thin Crust a quarter inch thick was taken off first by D^r. Cotton Mather. Then by Professor Greenwood—Lastly by Dean Berkley. Green^d. took the whole; the other two but half. Teste Benj. Jones, Æt. 70, Owner of the Rock. . . .

D^r. Moffat told Deacon Sayer that his Name went home in the Affair of the Stamp Act.¹ Aug. 18, 1767.

Unitas Fratrum, Newport—Aug. 18, 1767.

In 1755 M^r. Ritz came to Newport & preached as a Moravian Brother; but was not acceptable. In 1758 a Moravian Chh. was first formed here & the Communion administered I think by Bp. Spaninburg. M^r. Rutly or Oatly² an Englishman soon succeeded & continued till about 1764, when he removed to Bethlehem, & was succeeded by M^r. Smith, a learned & sensible Man, & a man of strong Virtue & rational Piety. He buried his Wife the first year of his Mission & removed in 1766. In 1766 succeeded the Rev. Albertus Ludolphus Rusmeyer, A.M. He was of Lunenburg in Germany, received a liberal Education in the University of Grypswald there (consisting usually of about one hundred Students or less) where entered & was matriculated 29 June, 1730, and received the Degree of Master of Arts Janry. 3, 1738. He is acquainted with the three learned Languages, besides French, German & English. He came to America 1745 & was many years Minister to the United Brethren at Lancaster, Pensylvania. A very amiable & inoffensive Man. He is now A. D. 1767 in 52^d year of his Age. [Added later.] In 1784 M^r. Russmeyer was removed from Rhode Isld. to Lancaster in Pensylv^a. and M^r. Smith again to Newport . . .

ANTIGUA. SEPT. 15, 1767.

D^r. Grant of Antigua Æt. 60 tells me that the Island is Eighteen miles long & Ten broad, equal to 180 sq. miles . . . Contains

¹ Thomas Moffatt, a Scotchman, of Newport, was an advocate of the Stamp Act, and was said to have sent to England letters incriminating various persons.

² Probably Rev. John Okely, who was ordained in 1751, and died in Lancaster County, Pa., in 1792.

Thirty Seven Thousand Negroes:—and not Fifteen Hundred fighting Men Whites—so Six Thousand Souls Whites. That they raised this Season (1767) Thirty Two Thousand Hhds. of Sugar to be reckoned at £30.—and I think 20 Thousand Hhs. Rum at £10.—The whole Produce for Export above a *Million Sterling* this one year—he says the largest Crop they ever had. The Slaves do not increase nor keep their N^o. good. It takes 100 Slaves now to make as much Sugar now as 50 would do some years ago—the Ground requiring dung &c. They have a Regiment of Regulars to whom they give near £10,000. per ann. above their Crown Pay—they being more necessary for internal Defence against the Negroes, than ag^t. a foreign Enemy. They have twenty four Assembly Men, whom the Governor easily brings into his Will, making it their Interest to vote him £1,000. which with like votes from St. Kitts &c. with Perquisites makes a Living of £4,000 Ster. per ann. He says Jamaica Gov^t. is worth but £7,000. to the Governor. I think he said there were five Episc^o. Livings in Antigua, but two present Incumbents, some Ministers having lately died there. M^r. Redwood's Estate produce between 2 & £3,000. per ann. . . .

1768. June 6. V^b. P. M. rode to Cadman's Ferry & lodged at Cadman's. $\frac{1}{4}$

7. Dined at Hicks. $\frac{1}{2}$. Oating 4^d. Lodged at Acushnet with M^r. West at M^r. Reed's. Crans 9^d.

8. Dined at Rev^d. M^r. Ruggles Rochester. Oated at—4 $\frac{1}{2}$ ^d. D^o. 4 $\frac{1}{2}$. Arrived at Plym^o. Lodgd M^r. Bacon's.

9. Preached M^r. Robbins's Sacram. Lecture & rode to M^r. Rand's æt. 69, Kingston, & lodged. Keep^d. horse Plym^o. 2/9.

10. At XI^b. set out from M^r. Rand's & rode 4 M. to Duxborough, then dined 1/. Ferry 4^d. Lodged at M^r. Grosvenor's Scituate.

11. Dined M^r. Brown of Cohasset & rode to M^r. Gay's, Hingham.

12. Preached for M^r. Gay—about 350 below or 400, & 200 above. Tot. Congreg^a. 600 at most.

13. Dined Rev. M^r. Smith's of Weymouth. Called on Rev. M^r. Wibird of Brantree. Arrived at Boston. Where last Fryday the Collector had seized M^r. Hancock's Vessel & put her under the Romney Man o' War; the people highly incensed pelted them with Stones & the Mob went round & damaged the Houses of the Collector,

Hallowel, Williams &c., commissioners—& all the Commiss. fled on board the Man o' War. To-Day the Sons of Liberty warned a Meet^g. to morrow X^h under Lib^{ty}. Tree.

14. They met & being most of the T^o. agreed to resolve themselves into a T^omeet^g. regularly—& Warn^g. issued to meet at Fanuel Hall at III P. M. where they met, too many to get into the Hall:—they adjourn'd to D^r. Sewall's Meet^g. & more than filled that in the most crouded manner, as I saw. M^r. Otis Mod. spoke from the pulpit. It was said there were three Thous^d. men. J judge the House would not hold one Thousand tho' 70 feet & 50. They chose Committee of Twenty, to wait on Gov. Barnard to redress Griev^s. & remove the Man of War as Vice Admiral; and adjourn'd till To-morrow III Aft.

15. I visited M^r. Prince's Collection of MSS. in S^o. Chh. Steeple, and extracted all Day. Dined D^r. Chauncy's. Town Meeting & Governor's Answer.

16. Bo't 2 q^r. gilt paper & sundries 9/. Horse 6/. Have 8½ Doll. left. Pen Knife ⅛. Dined M^r. Cary Charlest^o. Lodged Professor Sewall's at Cambridge.

17. Professor Winthrop spent an Hour in shew^g. me the Apparatus at Harv^d. College. Dined M^r. Appleton's: rode to Woburn.

18. Lodg. &c. 2/. Dinner 8^d.

19. At Andover kept Sabb. heard the venerable M^r. Sam^l. Phillips æt. 79 preach. He began Worship with ask^g. bless^g. & read^g. Script. He sings N. E. Version & twice forenoon & twice Afternoon. Has four Deacons, no ruling Elders. Two Galleries, the Congreg^a. about 500 Souls or 450 and yet a crouded Assembly.

20. Visit Venerable M^r. Phillips who gave me sundry his printed Sermons &c. Dined at Haverhill. Lodg^g. &c. & Dinn. &c. 6/. Have now Six Dollars Viaticum. M^r. Smith of Haverhill 160 Commun. & as large Cong. as M^r. Barnard but above half of the neighb^s. parishes. Barber's 2^d. M^r. Tingley become Baptist. Oats 3^d.

21. At Rev^d. M^r. Davis, Dracut. Th. 81 at X M. Crossed Merimack Ferry 80 Rods to Chelmsford 2^d. Dined 1/6. Th. 85 at II½ A. Lodged at Concord 2/6.

22. Din'd with Rev^d. M^r. Emerson, Concord. Lodgd Rev. M^r. Loring's, Sudbury, æt. 86 being 62^d y. of his Ministry.

23. Rode to Framingham. Dined Rev^d. M^r. Bridge. Th. 84 at III A. Rode to Medfield. Lodged 1½/.

24. At IX m. Th. 73. Wind S. E. Wash^d. Shirt 9^d. Oats &c. 6^d. At Stearns's in Attleboro I $\frac{1}{4}$ A. Th. 80. Dined 2/, arrived Rev. M^r. Burt's, Brist. having rode 40 miles to day.

25. Brist. Ferry X $\frac{1}{2}$ Th. 69. Arrived at home before one o'clock Aft. & found my Family well. Deo Opt. Max. Grates. Expences about Eight Dollars.

June 6, 1768. Rev^d. Jn^o. Browne of Haverhill first Chh. died 1742, æt. 44 & Min. 24. Father of Rev^d. Jn^o. B. of Hingh., Rev^d. Cotton Brown, Brooklyn, & Rev^d. Tho^s. Brown, Falm^o. & Ward Browne A.B. of Plym^o. . . . Rev^d. Tho^s. Browne ord. 1759 1st Chh. Marshfield—removed about 1764 and is installed at Falm^o., Casco Bay, July, 1765, in 4th. Chh.

M^r. Grosvenor £ 80. Salary

M^r. Browne £100.

M^r. Gay £110.

M^{rs}. Gay's Father a Bradford & Sister to M^{rs}. Steel afterw^{ds}. Stevens . .

COTTON FAMILY.

Rev^d. Jn^o. Cotton of Boston, Ancestor. Had only 2 Sons, *Seaborn* Pastor 1st Chh. Hampton, *Jn^o* Pastor Plymouth, first, then removed to South Carolina, & founded in Charlest^o. the New England Meeting so called ever since.

ISSUE OF JOHN COTTON II^d.

Jn^o III. Minister of Yarm^o. on Cape Cod; he left no Son—only 4 D.

Roland, D^o. of Sandwich, married Eliz^a., only Sister of Gov. Saltonstall. She had six Sons educated in Harv. Coll., all took 2 deg., 4 settled in Min^y, 2 Magistrates, one of these by a former Husband, M^r. Dennison.

Theophilus, Pastor Hampton falls, died without Issue.

Josiah Cotton, Esq., of Plym^o. left 2 Sons, Jn^o. & Theophilus. Jn^o. Min. of Halifax, now Esq.

Besides, 3 Daughters.

Roland's Branch, Sons: Jn^o., Nath^l., Roland, Josiah, Ward. Roland is Esq^r. at Sandwich; rest Min^{rs}.

Joanna D. of Roland I, married Rev. Jn^o. Brown of Haverhill by whom she had 4 Graduated Sons . .

M^r. Gay tells me that D^r. Chauncy's Class¹ "the Class," as abound^e with good Scholars.

D^r. Chauncy tells me that D^r. Franklin now in Lond. has wrote over to L^t. Gov. Hutch. inform^e that Rev^d. Richard Price, F. R. S., an eminent dissent^e. min. in Lond. is offer'd a Doctorate fr. Scotld. but chuses one from New England.²—Dr. Frank. would know whether such a Thing would probably be done. Dr. Frank. procured D^r. Cooper's Diploma—M^r. Barret D^r. Eliot's. . .

June 6. This day I spent some Time with M^r. Peter du Simitier of Geneva. He has been in America 10 years—left Geneva 1757. Is a Miniature Painter—is of Protestant Extract., his Gr. father moving from Montpelier to Geneva on the Revoc^a. of the Edict of Nantz. He says every Protestant Minister in France is liable to Death for officiat^e in private houses or in Fields. But seems to think the Protestants may live at rest in France, without persecution. He judges they are a Third of France.

Scituate first Precinct about 200 Fam., not half keep up Fam. Prayer. About 100 Communicants both Sexes. Not half the Children baptized. . . .

Plymouth third Chh. gathered May 25, 1744. Twelve Male Members besides Rev^d. Thomas Frink, Pastor Elect . . N. B. Eight Male Members subscribed May 25 at the Embodying, & M^r. Frink & 4 others subscribed Nov. 7, 1744, when I suppose he was installed.

M^r. Frink removed 1748 & was succeeded by Rev. Jacob Bacon who was installed Apr. 26, 1749.

M^r. Bacon was ordained in the Chh. at Upper Ashuelot (now called Kean) Oct^o., 1738, when the Chh. was embodied. Indian & French War broke up the Chh. March 30, 1747, when David Foster & Josiah Fisher were the first Deacons.

Samuel Nelson, ob. 1758 }
Josiah Carver, " 1751 } Deacons in M^r. Frink's Day . .

¹ Harvard 1721.

² He received the degree of D.D. from Aberdeen in 1767, and that of LL.D. from Yale (under Dr. Stiles) in 1781.

Tho^a. Doty chosen Sept. 5, 1751, and Nath^l. Warren chosen April 23, 1761. Col. Doty removed to Boston & Deacon Warren died Feb., 1767. Cornelius Holmes and Jonathan Diman chosen July 30, 1767. These have not accepted—but carry the Elements.

The 2 Chhs. of Pembroke admit all Children to Baptism. Rev^d. M^r. Lewis began it. And M^r. Smith & M^r. Hitchcock continue it. They require no Terms. . .

M^r. Rand¹ told me not half his Congregation baptized; & yet were not Baptists in principle. . . .

IN REV^d. M^r. PITCHER'S DAY, SCITUATE.

"Job Turner, the Son of Samuel Turner, being very sick & in Danger of Death was baptized privately at the house of Samuel Turner, & upon the Faith of Its Grandfather . . . 22 day, 12 M^o., 1713/14."

"M^r. Samuel Turner being of adult years was baptized 24 day, 2 M^o., 1715.

"Lilly, Nathaniel, Samuel, James Turner, the Children of M^r. Sam^l. Turner, baptized 24 day, 2 M^o., 1715."

"4. day, 5 m^o., 1720. Barnabas Barker, the son of Barnabas Barker, being sick & in Danger of Death, was baptized at the house of M^r. Jenkins." . .

Extracts fr. Records of first Chh., Scituate . . .

CHH. CAMB. RECORDS.

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	DEACONS CHOSEN	
March 22, 1704/5	M ^r . Sam ^l . Cooper	ob. 1717/18, Janry. 7
June 7, 1705	Nath ^l . Hancock	ob. 1719
Janry. 22, 1717/18	Joseph Coolidge	ob. 1737
	Sam ^l . Kidder	ob. 1724
Aug. 5, 1724	Nath ^l . Sparhawk	ob. before 1734
	Sam ^l . Bowman	ob. before 1741
Apr. 12, 1734	Sam ^l . Sparhawk	
May 5, 1738	Jn ^o . Bradish	ob. bef. 1741
Nov. 24, 1741	Henry Prentice	
	San ^l . Whittemore	

¹ Rev. William Rand, of Kingston, Mass.

Three now living, viz., Sparhawk, Prentice, Whittemore. About 80 Male Commun.—Most Child. baptized—Confess. for Fornic^a. before Chh. only, not Congreg^a.—Adm. to Chh. in pub. Cong.—bapt. about 30 Child. per Ann.—from 1717 to Janry., 1763, M^r. Applet^o. baptized *fifteen hundred & four* Child. Infants, besides persons adult or sui juris. Fr. 1763 to 1767 bap. 134. Total Infants baptized in fifty years fr. Oct^o., 1717, to Oct., 1767, *One Thous^d. six hundred thirty Eight*. In this period Eighty Adults baptized—About 150 Fam.—Fr. Oct., 1717, to Oct^r., 1767, the Admiss. to full Commun. *Six hundred & fourty nine* . .

All the Records preced^d. settlem^t. of M^r. Brattle, 1696, lost.

From M^r. Appleton's Chh. Records & ex Ore ejus. . . .

S^o. PARISH, ANDOVER.

In M^r. Phillips Register of Commun. as they were 1762 with Addit. to this Time, they amounted to Two Hundred & sixty nine: of which Eight are since dead . .

	102 Men	167 Women
dead	4	4
	<u>98</u>	<u>163</u>

The Rev^d. Sam^l. Phillips born Feb. 17, 1690, ord. Oct^o. 17, 1711. These are his Publications as I received them from himself.

I. Vow & pay unto the Lord your God, fr. Psal. 119, 106, preached at Byfield, pub. A. D. 1726.

Three pract. Disc. bound up together, viz.:

1. The Judg^t. of Gd. just Cause of Fear: preached on the day preced^d the great Earthquake from Psal. 119, 120. Oct. 29, 1727.

2. The Ld. to be waited on when in the Way of his Judgments, Occasioned by the Earthquake, from Isai. 26, 8, on a public Fast, Dec. 21, 1727.

3. A Covenanting People their own Witnesses: occasioned by a late Renewal of their Cov^t. in public, fr. Joshua 24, 22, Dec. 24, 1727.

V. Young people cautioned against both entering & consenting to Sin. From Prov. 1, 10. . . 1729.

VI. The History of our Savior epitomized in a catechetical Way. 1737.

VII. The Orthodox Christian: or a Child well instructed: by way of catechising. . . 1738.

VIII. The Hosannahs of Children highly pleasing to Christ. From Matt. 21, 15, 16 . . 1739.

IX. A Pastor's earnest Desire, & the People's great Concern: preached at the open^e of a Lecture in his Parish: from 2 Cor. 6, 1. Mar. 14, 1739.

X. Soldiers counselled & encouraged: Artillery Election Sermon from Judg. 5, 18. 1741.

XI. Political Rulers authorized & influenced by God our Savior: Election Sermon from Prov. 8, 15, 16 . . 1750.

XII. The living Water to be had for Asking: preached at Boston from Jn^o. 4, 10. A. D. 1750.

XIII. Gospel Ministers the Servants of Christ; and must make Return to him who sends them: at the Installm^t. of the Rev^d. Samuel Chandler, at Gloucester. Fr. Luke 14, 21 . . . 1751.

XIV. Preach^e peace by J. C. defended & urged; at Ann^y Convent. of Min. at Boston: fr. Acts 10, 36 . . 1753.

XV. The Sinner's Obstinacy evinced & reprov'd: preached at Boston from Jn^o. 5, 40 . . 1753.

XVI. God's Drawing, & Man's Coming to Christ, delevered also at Boston from Jn^o. 6, 44 . . 1753.

XVII. Wisdom a necessary Qualific^a. for an evangelical Pastor. At the Ordin^a. of Rev^d. M^r. Nathan Holt at Danvers; from Prov. 11, 30. . . 1759.

XVIII. Seasonable Advice to a Neighbor; Dialogue . . 1761.

XIX. Serious Address to young people, by way of Conference . . 1763.

XX. The Gospel Doctrine of Justific^a. by Faith . . 1766.

XXI. The Sin of Suicide contrary to Nature . . 1767. To these add:

I. His Elegy upon the Death of his aged Grandmother, M^{rs}. Sarah Phillips, Relict of the Rev^d. Sam^l. Phillips of Rowly. 1714.

II. Another on Death of Rev. Joshua Gardner of Haverhill . . 1716.

III. Another on the Death of Rev. Nicholas Noyes & his Colleague Rev^d. Geo. Curwin, Pastors of 1st Chh. Salem . . 1717.

IV. Charge to Rev^d. Timothy Walker at his Ordin^a. to the pastoral Office at Pennicook. . . 1730.

V. Preface to M^r Fun^l. Sermon on D. of Abiel Abbot, A.B. 1739.

Finis.

"A CASE PROPOUNDED SEPT. 6, 1698.

"Whether a people, who have obliged themselves to support a Min., with a certain Sal^y. dur^e his Countinuanee in the Work of the Min^y. among them, can honestly make a Time of Sickness by the Provid. of God befall^e. that minister, a pretence to withhold fr. him the proportion of his promised Salary, for the Time of his Confinement?

"This Case being laid before the Elders & Messengers of five Chhs. then assembled: the following answer was unanimously given thereunto.

"I. While a sick Minister hath Heart & Hope, to return unto the Exercise of his Ministry, he still continues in the Work of the Min^y: & to withhold a part of his promised Salary from him on the acc^o. of a Fitt of Sickness befalling him is doubtless an Injustice & oppression, & false Dealing, which cries to heaven: & people guilty thereof, do exceedingly expose themselves to the Wrath of the Lord; that hears the Cry of wronged Laborers: & bring a Reproach upon their Christian profession.

"II. When a Min. is by Old Age, or Weakness, disabled from the Exercise of his Ministry, without Hope of being recovered unto it in this World, the Oblig^a. of their people to support them, still continue so far, that they ought not, without a Mutual Composition & a reasonable & honorable Consideration to recede from their Engagements.

"INCREASE MATHER Moderator & in the Name &
by the Appointment of all the other Elders & Messengers
of the Churches assembled Sept. 6, 1698.

"James Allen
Samuel Willard
Nicholas Noyes
Jeremiah Shepherd
Cotton Mather
Benjamin Wadsworth

"James Hill
Joseph Bridgham
John Bernard
John Burrill, Sen.
Jn^o. Burrill
Benj^a. Gerrish

Elisha Hutchinson
Isaac Addington
John Foster
Peter Sergeant
John Eyre
Daniel Epes."

This is the Result of a Council to influence the paym^t. of M^r. Fox £80. per Ann. while he continues in the ministry in Woburn. I received it from Rev^d. M^r. Phillips of Andover. . . .

Rev^d. M^r. Wibird of Brantree lately had left him Estate of £7,000. Sterling.

FIRST CHH. ANDOVER.

Near 200 Fam. Commun. six Times per ann., or once in 6 W. in Summer Months—Sing Tate & Brady since 1765—don't read Scriptures—no admiss. without Relations—receive Stand^e. in Pews or Seats—not all baptized—Deacons continue till death—Deacons not ordained—no ruling Elders nor ever had—most Fam. pray &c.

CHH. OF DRACUT.

Gathered March 29, 1721, when Rev^d. Tho^s. Parker was ordayned, who continued in Min^y till his Death, March 1765. Rev^d. Nathan Davies was ord. Nov. 20, 1765, when the Chh. consisted of 32 Males & 32 Fem. Pastors assist^e. in Imposition of hands in Ord., Rev. Sampson Spalding of Tewksbury, who began with Prayer, Rev^d. Jn^o. Swift of Acton, who preached, Rev^d. Willard Hall of Westford, who gave the Charge, Rev^d. Eben^r. Bridge of Chelmsford, who prayed after the Charge, Rev^d. Dan^l. Rogers of Littleton gave the Right Hand of Fellowship. The Ord. council consisted of the Pastors & Messengers of six Chhs. present.

	Chosen	Died
Deacons	Nathan ^l . Fox	Dec., 1765
	Edward Coburn	
	Nath ^l . Mitchel	removed 1768
	Dan ^l . Fox	Apr. 3, 1766

Coburn & Fox present Deacons—Confess. only before Chh.—sing N. E. Version—don't read Script.—no Relations—only assent to a short written Cov^t. comprehend^e summary capital Articles &c.—Sacr^t. once 6 W. in Summer, omitted in 3 Winter months—no ruling Elders—most Fam. pray.

From Chh. Records & M^r. Davies.

At Chelmsford, June 21, 1768, I fell in Comp^a. with a young Man, who soon began to talk upon the Extraordinaries at B^o. He said

these Things would terminate in the Ruin of England. I asked him why? he spake about France & Spain. I askt if people had rather be Slaves to France or Spain than to Engl^d.? he s^d. yes. I observed Engl^d. might raise Revenue of 100 Th. & France a Million—& askt if it would not be better to loose our Lib^y. to Engl^d than France? He ans^d. it was best to loose it to neither. He was for vigorous Resist^a. to all Slavery whether from France, Engl^d or all the World. Thought the Country would joyn with Boston & never bear Oppression—tho't the public Impositions would alienate us from Engl^d.—was sorry Assembly had refunded L^t. Gov. Hutchinson's Loss—s^d. that Hutchinson was very cunning but lost the Confidence of the public, had shown himself no Enemy if not an Enemy to Oppressions, & was believed to wish more distinctions & Honors in America, that the lower sort should be more controlled, & Authority & Power of the higher sort increased &c. &c. Tho't if George Grenville was to land in Boston, he would be cut up in pieces in an hour or two. Said the Representatives were the only Defenders of Liberty: and Regiments & Stand^a Army would soon bring the Province to open Rebellion, when the hardest must defend themselves. Made no doubt but that the spirit of the people was so high, that with a little more Affront, they would break into open Rebellion.

THE CHH. OF CONCORD.

. . . A. D. 1739. Communicants 81 Male & fem. . . May 11, 1749, at a Fast Chh. renewed Cov^t. signed by ninety Males Whites & two Negroes—Read—Men & Women stand^a & Men hold^a up their Hands . . .

Sing Watts Psalms—Bapt. 57 Child. 1766—50 A. D. 1757. Have about 270 Fam. in the Parish—own Cov^t.—M^r. Emerson chuses to stand & the whole Chh. stood at Sacrament—He don't like Cov^t. i. e., thinks all Professors in full Communion as does M^r. Wibird of Brantree.

WEST CHH., CONCORD.

After 1740 a Chh. was gathered & embodied by a Covenant &c., which assembled half a mile West of Meetg^h. They had above Eighty Ministers preached to them from other Chhs.—had the Sacrament & admitted Members—but no Pastor. Upon M^r. Bliss's

Death it dissolved & is dissolving. The Members partak^d with M^r. Emerson's Chh., w^c however refused to receive one admitted in said W. Chh. . . .

Kingston. M^r. Rand told me that the first Alien^d. between M^r. Edwards & N^ohampton began upon his haughty Rejection of a parsimonious Vote of the Society respect^d. Salary. He told them he could mend himself—Gov. Belcher had suggested to him the prospect of the Presid^t. of Jersey College in its Beginning.

SUDBURY CHH.

. . . Rev. M^r. Loring ordained 1706, when were Deacons Joseph Noyes, Edmund Rice & James Haines. Rev^d. Israel Loring born April 6, O. S. 1682, being half year younger than M^r. Barnard of Marblehead.

Matthew Stone, a wise, good & worthy Deacon, chose Nov. 20, 1718. John Clap chosen Deacon Nov. 10, 1719.

Elected

May 24, 1733 Josiah Haines now living 1768 in Office
 July 3, 1736 Jonathan Rice liv^g in office 1768
 Feb. 3, 1762 Jacob Moore D^o.

Relations—own Cov^t. & submit to watch Chh.—own it but once—at admiss. to Commun. don't read any Confess. Faith but only the Cov^t.—Don't ord. Deacons—Most people baptized, few else, not one Fam. unbaptized if indeed one person—Sing N. E. Version—read Script. in pub. Worship, began Aug. 14, 1768, read after first prayer & before singing—admiss. sometime before Chh. only, now before whole Congreg^a.

The above from Chh. Records & ex ore M^r. Loring. . . .

July 7, 1768. M^r. Maxwell tells me that Rev. M^r. Wilson (son of D^r. Wilson of Brantree) was first Min. [later addition, Preacher, never ordained] at Barrington; & he was buried at Rehoboth. Q. was he ordained Pastor of that Chh? [later addition, No] or was that Chh. not gathered till 1720. N. B. The MSS. of the Rev. M^r. Wilson of Boston were dispersed & lost here. I have seen sundry & have one in my keeping.

LIST OF PRINTED WORKS OF REV^d. ISRAEL LORING, ALL SERMONS.

1718 Sermon. Duty & Interest of young persons to remember their Creator.

1720 Funeral Sermon on M^r. Jn^o. Loring. On the great Happ. of those who truly fear God.

1724 Two Sermons on the Death of Rev. Joseph Willard of Rutland & on Death & Captivity of some other persons in that Town by the Indians.

1728 Nat. & Necessity of the New Birth—reprinted 1740.

1731 Fun. Sermon on the Rev^d. Rob^t. Breck. Three Discourses
1. On the Glories of the heavenly World. 2. Religious Convers^a.
excited. 3. Self Examin^a. urged on Professors of Religion.

1732 Serious Tho'ts on the Miseries of Hell. Also a Fast Sermon.

1735 Private Xtians Helpers of their Ministers in X-Jesus.

1737 Election Sermon.

1738 Three discourses. 1. Service of the Ld. must be chosen without Delay. 2. False Hopes discovered. 3. Duly pray^s. for spiritual Light.

1742. A Convention Sermon.

1749 On Justification by Faith.

1754 At Ordin^a. of Rev. M^r. Richardson at Welles. Works equal two Octavo Volumes.

Ex Ore Authoris.

THE MANNER OF DEPOSING A MINISTER

Of about fourty Male Memb. of the Chh. of Sudbury Nine Brethren & as many Men of the Cong. joyned as *aggrieved* in calling a Council, & sent Letters Missive to the Chhs. to request the "presence of your Rev^d. Elder & Beloved Messengers"—"and give us such Council & help" &c. There was an Impropriety in the Choice of the Council—some chose by the aggrieved, some by the Pastor, some by the rest of the Chh. The regular Way is for the Pastor & Chh. to concur, or &c. But this Council conven^d. it was agreed by Pastor, Chh. & aggrieved to consolidate them into one Council &c. "The names of the Council of the Chhs. that sat at Sudbury, May 22, 1705"—

BOSTON NORTH CHH. The Elders were		DORCHESTER CHH. The	
Rev.	{ Mr. Cotton Mather Mr. Increase Mather	Pastor not there	
		Mes.	{ Elder Clap Elder Toplis
Messengers	{ Mr. Winthrop Dr. Jn ^o . Clark Deacon Barnard Mr. Thornton		ROXBURY CHH. Rev. Mr. Walter
		Mess.	{ Mr. Dennison Deacon Pierson
BOSTON OLD CHH.			MARLBOROUGH CHH.
Rev.	{ Mr. Wadsworth Mr. Bridge		Rev ^d . Mr. Breck
		Mess.	{ Deacon Woods Tho ^s . Beman
Mess.	{ Dr. Cook Col. Townsend Elder Bridgham Deacon Miriam		MENDON CHH. Rev. Mr. Rawson Mess. Capt. Chapin
WATERTOWN CHH.			SHERBURN CHH.
	Rev. Mr. Gibbs		Rev. Mr. Gookin
	Messenger Justice Bond		Mess. Deacon Larnard
WATERTOWN MIDDLE CHH.			FRAMINGHAM CHH.
	Rev. Mr. Angier		Rev. Mr. Swift
Mess.	{ Mr. Parkist Mr. Ab ^m . Gale		Mess. Deacon Hemingway
NEWTOWN CHH.			CONCORD CHH. was
	Rev. Mr. Hobart		sent to but did not
	Mess. Deacon Trowbridge		come.

"The Result & Advice of the *Council of Chhs.* assembled at Sudb^y May 22, 1705. Hav^e at the Desire both of the Chh. in Sudb^y & of certain aggrieved Breth. there &c." we declare & advise as followeth.—"1. It appears that M^r. James Sherman hath been guilty of this Sin of Drunkenness & this repeated" &c. &c. &c. "13. We do in the name of our most holy & glorious Ld., & with all possible Solemnity exhort & advise M^r. J. S. to glorify God by an exemplary Repent^a.—14. We advise our Beloved B^a., the Chh. of Sudb^y., that *they do not suffer* M^r. J. S. to go on with the pub. Exercise of his Min^y., *until they & the Chhs. called unto the present Council*, see such Demonstrations of Rep. in him y^t. he may be judged capable of proced^a therein with Edification to the people of God. And it is our Advice that for the present the Chh. of Sudbury desire the Pastors of neighbor Chhs. charitably to come & help them as they may see convenient.

"INCREASE MATHER, Mod."

THIS COUNCIL MET BY ADJOURMT. JULY 5, 1705.

—"Upon the whole it is concluded, That M^r. James Sherman being convicted of such Scandals & under such Aggrevations of Impenitency, is not duly qualified for the pastoral Office and *this Council does therefore advise the Chh. of Sudbury by their solemn Vote to depose him from his Office*, & at the same time also to declare him suspended from the Table of the Lord, & then proceed in due Manner to the Choice of another Pastor.

"INCREASE MATHER, Moderator,

Signed in the Name & with the
unanimous Consent of the Council."

The Chh's. Vote:

"Whereas the Rev^d. Council, unto whose Advice we referred ourselves, have declared that M^r. James Sherman, being convicted of Scandals & Impenitence, is not duly qualified for the pastoral Office, & have advised the Chh. of Sudb^y. by their solemn vote to depose him fr. his Office & declare him suspended fr. the Table of the Lord: *We the Chh. of Sudb^y. do now therefore by solemn Vote Depose the s^d. M^r. J. S. fr. his past. Off. & declare him suspended fr. the Table of the Lord. The Brethren who consent hereunto are desired to manifest their Consent by hold^g up their hands & subscrib^e their hands*" . .

"This voted the 17th Day of July, 1705, & subscribed by thirty three hands."

Afterwards, Sept. 13, 1705, the Council still subsist^e by Adjourn^t. resolved & declared among other Things:

"We now withdraw from him our Fellowship & declare him no longer to be considered in our Chhs. as a Min. of the Gospel: & unworthy to be so considered in the other Chhs. of the Ld.; until the Ld. shall please by exemplary Repent^a. to recover him.

"INC. MATHER, Mod."

THE CHH. OF HULL.

To. settled 1641, about 40 fam. Rev^d. Zechariah Whitman (Father of M^r. Whitman of Farmington in Connecticut) first pastor died within M^r. Loring's Memory, prh. about 1720—between æt. 70 & 80. He was succeeded by Rev^d. Ezra Carpenter, who was succeeded by

M^r. Veazie. In M^r. Whitman's Day had an Elder, Jn^o. Prince—afterwards another, viz. Jn^o. Loring, never more Elders since—& the Chh. almost break^s up—swallowed up with Exhorters—About 40 families now, but in the Garden of N. Engl^d.—Rev. & crazy Sol^o. Prentice & one Jones are there & as Exhorters now officiate. A Layman assisted in ord^s. M^r. Whitman, unless ordained him alone. M^r. Carpenter ord. by Pastors. M^r. Veazie & Prentice had been regularly ord. but dismissed.

From M^r. Loring who was born there.

CHH. FRAMINGHAM.

Gathered Oct^o. 8, 1701, consisting of Eighteen Male Members over which Rev^d. John Swift was the same day ord. Pastor. No Chh. Records preced^s. M^r. Bridge. M^r. Swift died Apr. 24, 1745. Rev^d. Matthew Bridge ord. Febry. 19, 1745/6, at which Time were Deacons Moses Haven, John Adams & Moses Pike, who before 1760 were all dead. Present Deacons 1768

Moses Larned	chosen 20 Oct ^o ., 1751
Jonathan Morse	29 Aug., 1751
Daniel Stone	29 June, 1763

No Elders—use Cov^t.—sing Tate & Brady & standing since 1760—don't read the Scriptures—no Confess. but Cov^t.—don't ord. Deacons—most people bapt. but few not—no grown people unbaptized—have seven Baptist Fam.—about 200 Fam. & largest Chh. in vicinity.

Some few perh. 15 years before M^r. Swift's Death a diff. arose in the Chh. about chusing Elders, w^o. Mr. Swift opposed. Upon w^o. part rent off & went to Hopkinton where were soon elected Elders. After M^r. Swift's Death, these joyned some others in Fram. & in 1746 embodied in Chh. State regularly, tho' previous Steps irregular. M^r. Sol^o. Reed A.M. was ord. 1746 over this 2d Chh. by Rev^d M^r. Hobby of Reading & others. He was dismissed & removed & is to become Pastor of the Chh. in Titicut, Middleboro'. This 2d Chh. Framingh., never invested with parochial privileges by Gen. Assemb.—and after Depart. of their Min. Difficulties arising the Members desired Communion in special Ordinances in the first Chh. A Council chosen by both Chhs. 1749 advised the Memb. departed fr. first Chh. to return & the Bⁿ. of 1st. Chh. cheerfully to receive them without Confession which was done—upon w^o.

s^d. 2^d. Chh. is in effect dissolved. They had Deacons Moses Haven & Dan^l. Stone, the latter is now 1768 Deacon of 1st. Chh. which is now the only Chh. in Framingham.

From Chh. Records & ex ore M^r. Bridge.

EYE SALVE.

The Times of 1741 produced Effects. When a Chh. & Cong. became generally New Lighted, a new minor Old Light Chh. has been gathered, as at *Plym^e*, Concord &c. When Chh. remained Old Light there have been minor New Light Chhs. gathered, as New Haven, Milford, Framingham, &c. When the Pastor hav^d. led his Chh. into New Light begun to preach against Excesses, new Separate Chhs. have been gathered even in New Lighted Chhs., as Concord, Stonington N^o. Parish, Providence, Mansfield, & M^r. Croswel's Boston, &c., &c. These last could not get New Light regularly ord. Min. to ordain their illiterate Pastors Elect, and thence arose a new species of Ordinations begun by M^r. Pain: the Chhs. were regularly gathered, i. e. by Covenant, but their Pastors irreg.: however they pretend to keep up the succession by Presb. Ordin^a. When New Light Chhs. obtained New Light Candidates to be ord. by New Light but regularly ord. Min. they had Opp^o. &c. such M^r. Bird of New Haven, M^r. Reed of Fram. &c.: whose Chhs. would have been called Separates, had their Ministers been ord. by Pain, &c., as M^r. Snow of Provid., Holly of Suffield, &c. ord. by Pain, &c. There is no difference otherwise.

As the Old Light minor Chh. in Concord is dissolved: so the New Light minor Chh. in Fram. is dissolved. As the Old Light standing Chh. of New Haven suspended the Members of & censured the New Light Chh. there: so the New Light stand^e. Chh. of Concord censured the Old Light Separate Chh. there, when the former refused to acknowledge the Members received by the Latter.

Rem. 1. I think all the Chhs. in Essence true Chhs. whether gathered peaceably & with the Concurrence of the Mother Chh., & under the presence of neighbor^s. Pastors—if embodied by the same Cov^t. & Confess. Faith. They also ought all to be acknowledged as Sister Chhs., if their Members generally of good Morals, tho' Enthusiastic. 2. For a Time they may have Pastors not of Presb. Ord.—this tho' not scriptural is accord^e to the Cong. Platform, w^c. permits it. 3. It may be wise to persuade these Separate

Chhs. to ask regular Pastors to joyn in lay^e on hands in conjunction with Pain or a Deacon as at Weym^o., or Delegates of the Chh. This in Time would remedy the Evil. 4. As the New Lights led the people into these Irregularities & Separations, so when they begun in their own parishes, they opposed them. The Min. were fond of patroniz^e Separ^a. in Old Light Parishes & ord. Min. over new Chhs.—but when a new Chh. founded in Separ^a. was set up in the parish of a New Light Min. (as in M^r. Fish's of Stonington) they refused to ord. their Ministers, under the pretext that they were Illiterate, when in Truth they had bro't these Illiterates forward by mak^e. them pub. Exhorters.

I met with a young Minister, perh. æt. 25, who said he had heard of New Lights (mean^e Separates in his own Parish) but never heard of "Old Lights" & knew not, did not understand what the Word or Terms "Old Lights" meant. And yet his Father had been a mighty New Light in my sense & called opposers Old Lights—but I suppose had his Eyes anointed before 1745 & might not communicate these Epithets to his Son. However I suppose it was rather Affect^a. of Ignorance in the Son, who wisely wishes to have the Differences between the Whitfieldians & his Opposers cease & be buried in Oblivion.

REHOBOTH, 1ST CHH.

. . . About 220 Fam. in Par. of w^c. perh. 15 Episc^o., 150 Cong., rest Sep.—Sing Tate & Brady, begun 1766—Commun. every two M^o.—own Cov^t.—Rel^a. Indiff.—2 Deacons—no Elders nor ever had.

Rev. Ward Cotton occasionally preaching at Plymouth dropt down dead as he was going to meeting in winter 1768 or 1769. He had been Pastor of Chh. Hampton New Hampsh. & being dismissed, preached occasionally—he was now preach^e to a vacant Par. at Monymet Pond: & had exchanged this Sabbath with M^r. Robbins Pastor of first Chh. Plym^o.—March 23, 1769.

The Scotch Presbyterians have two Chhs. in New York. They had long in vain petitioned the Gov^t. for a Charter of Incorporation.

"Other Chhs. both Dutch & Episcopal have had them for asking. As Emigrants from the National Chh. of Scotland or of the same Communion, these after having made more than one fruitless Attempt for the like privileges, applied directly to the Throne. Their Petition was referred to the Lords of Trade, & by them to Sir Henry Moore for a Report after consult^d. his Council. They retarded & threw cold Water upon the Application. The Bp. of London appeared openly at the Board of Trade in the opposition."

Extract of M^r. ——— Letter to M^r. Welles, Dated March 4, 1768.

Rev. Rob^t. Breck of Malb. died in Min^y. Janry. 6, 1730/31, æt. 49. Hebrician. Mathem. Divine Calvinist. Sharp Acumen. . . .

MEMOIR OF EASTON FAMILY AT NEWPORT.

In Morton's New Eng. Memorial I find Entries in the Margin in sundry places, thus

"Peter Easton his Book bo't at Boston for 3^s. 1669 Nov. 19." Hence first Edition. Then follow Incidents respect^d. the Transplant^d. of the Easton Family.

Against the year 1634. "25th. of March this yeare we came aboard the ship at S^o.hampton to come for New Engl^d., Peter Easton, John Easton, and their Father." "14 of May Nicholas Easton with his two Sons Peter & John came ashore in New Engl^d." At End of 1634 is written "this year the Eastons wintered at Ipswitch one whole winter & the summer before, part of it." 1635, "The beginning of this year we came to Nuberry." Again 1635, "this year the Eastons went in the Spring to New berie then called Agawam & ther builded & planted; this was the first seatling of that towne lying on the south side of Merymak river in New Eng-land." 1638 "in the beginning of this yeare went N E. J E. P E. to Winaconit now hamton and built there." "In the beginning of this yeare 1638 the Eastons left Newbery & went & builded at Winaconeck now called hamton beyond Merimack, and this was the beginning of the year, March, but being put by our purchase by the disention in the Contry when Hⁿ. Vane was turnd out from being Governor they went unto Road Island in June, and builded at porchmoth at the Cove & planted ther this yeare 1638 15^d. 4^m."

Against 1639 "this year 1^d. 3^m. we came to Newport." Again, "In the beginning of May this year the Eastons came to Newport in Road Island & builded there the first English Building, & there planted this year, & coming by Boat they lodged at the Island called Coasters harbour the last of Aprill 1639; & the first of May in the morning gave that Island the name of Coasters Harbour, & from thence came to Newport the same day."

Against

1643 "20^d. 7^m. this year was Newbery first fight."

1644 "28.8 Newbery second fight." "This year the 12 of November yong Nicholas Easton was borne at Newport."

1654 "This year Friends first began in the North of Old England."

1655 "10^d. 3^m. This year the English fleet take Jamaco."

1656 "27^d. 10^m. This year James Nailor bored through the tongue and stigmatized."

1657 "This year Friends came over first to Plimoth, John Rous, Christopher Houlder, Robert fowler, Robert Houghton."

1663 "This year we built the first Windmill. I had the Quinsey, when Samuells Newman dyed of it. P. E."

1665 "This Aprill 13th day Peter Easton went to the new Country to view the new purchase wher of I was one of the purchasers."

In beginning is noted "Old Nicholas Easton dyed 13^d. 6^m. 1675. Young Nicholas Easton dyed 1^d. 12^m. 1676/7."

I am told that M^r. Wheeler,¹ just returned from obtain^g. Episc^o. 1768. Cf. Stiles's *Diary*, I, 174.

Orders in London, was several hours alone with D^r. Secker ABp. Canty. who told M^r. Wheeler that the Ministry were intirely aversed to send^g Bishops to America at present—and assigned this Reason among others, viz., that as America seemed on the point of Rebellion & Independency, the Ministry were determined to retain every hold on America: that by necessitat^g. the American Episcopalians to have recourse to Engl^d for Ordin^a. they would be held in part. This hold would be lost if a Bp. should be sent, & the whole Hierarchy be erected complete in America. This I received in my Journey.

¹ William Willard Wheeler (Harv. 1755), who returned to America in May,

Friday June 10, 1768, Died Rev^d. Peter Clark, Pastor of the first Chh. in Danvers, formerly Salem Village, æt. 76, Min. 51. He was born A. D. 1693—proceeded A.B. at Harvard Coll. 1712 and A.M. 1715. Ordained June 5, 1717. He was deaf. Wrote much in the Baptist Controversy.

The Rev^d. Joseph Stacey first Pastor of the Church of Kingston near Plymouth was ordained Nov. 2, 1720, when the Parish belonged to the T^o. of Plym^o. & was called Jones' River: and the Chh. was the Second Chh. in Plym^o. But about Ten years after it was erected into a Town. And another Precinct was made at Monument Ponds in Plym^o. & a Chh. gathered (probably by the name of a Second Chh. in Plym^o.). And A. D. 1744 a third Chh. was gathered. But to return to the Chh. of Kingston. It don't appear by the Chh. Records when it was gathered. M^r. Stacy was ord. 1720, and died Aug. 25, 1741. In 1742 Rev^d. Thaddeus Maccarty was ordained. M^r. Gray of Boston preached the Ord. Sermon. He continued in the Min^y. 3½ years & was dismissed, & afterwards settled in Worcester.

Rev^d. William Rand was installed Pastor May, 1746. He had been Pastor of the Chh. in Sunderland, where he was ordained May, 1724, and was dismissed July 25, 1745, upon which he received a Call at Kingston.

Half not baptized. No admiss. into Chh. without Rel^a.

DEACONS.

Febry. 15, 1721 John Washburn was chosen Deacon.

Feb. 21, 1750/1 Jabez Washburn was chosen Deacon "by a great majority of Votes."

Wrestling Brewster was chosen Deacon—but when, uncertain: only before M^r. Rand came. He died 1767, Janry. 1. Æt. 71, 72, on his Gravestone.

A. D. 1766 Jn^o. Fuller chosen Deacon.

About 150 Families in Kingston, perhaps 80 Communicants male & female. They are descend^{ts}. of the Old Plymouth Settlers. M^r. Rand prevailed with them to consent to admit Bapt. on own^s. the Cov^t. but they practise little upon it, keep to the old Way of one or both parents in full Commun. in order to Bapt. of their Children. But 2 or 3 Instances of owning the Covenant for it. M^r. Rand baptizes about a dozen per ann. but has not half his Cong. baptized.

M^r. STACY'S GRAVESTONE.

Depositum hic jacet Josephi Stacy Corpus; nuper Ecclesiæ Regiopolitanæ Pastoris Reverendi; qui obiit Augusti vigesimo quinto Die Anno 1741, ætatis suæ quadragesimo septimo. . . .

THE FIRST CHH. IN SCITUATE.

There were no Chh. Records kept till M^r. Pitcher's Day. However the Chh. was gathered before 1640, and these Pastors succeeded one another:—

Rev. M^r. Lathrop
 Rev. Charles Chauncy, D.D., President &c.
 Rev^d. Henry Dunster President &c.
 Rev^d. M^r. Baker
 Rev^d. M^r. Cushing
 Rev^d. Nathaniel Pitcher ordained Sep. 24, 1707
 Rev^d. Shearjashub Bourn
 Rev^d. Eben. Grosvenor

For many years at first this Chh. was in a broken & convulsed State: so that M^r. Lathrop took a part of it & removed & settled a Town on the Cape Cod. After this President Chauncy, who had preached sometime at Plymouth, came to Scituate & took the Charge of the Chh. for 12 years, & 1652 was elected to the Presidency of Harvard College: when President Dunster came from the College to Scituate. In these Times the Quakers gained Footing here & held a Meet^s & had a small Meetinghouse, but are now come to nothing. M^r. Baker was not a Man of academic Education, but was chosen by the Chh., who also was ordained by Laying on of hands of Brethren deputed by the Chh., unless some neighbor^s Pastors present might pray during the Imposition, as it is said they did. But of these Things there is only oral Tradition. All the rest were liberally educated, tho' I do not find when they were ordained, removed or died. I procede to extract from the Chh. Records begun 1707 by Rev^d. M^r. Pitcher. The Manner of his Ordination:

"September 24th., 1707, I was ordained. The persons desired to manage the Work of Ordin^a. were as followeth, viz., The Rev^d. M^r. Peter Thatcher of Milton gave the charge, the Rev^d. M^r. Jn^o. Norton gave the right hand of Fellowship. The Rev^d. M^r. Jn^o. Danforth preached a Sermon from those Words in Philip. 2, 20th. Mr. Little & M^r. Eells joyned in Laying on of hands."

"Rev^d. M^r. Pitcher died Sept. 27, 1723, ætatis 38," having been in the Ministry 16 years: in which Term he baptized Three Hundred & Seventy Eight persons, mostly Children. Marriages 102.

"Dec. 3, 1724. M^r. Shearjashub Bourn was ordained." Rev. M^r. Eells gave the Charge, Rev^d. Dan^l. Lewis of Pembroke gave the right hand of fellowship & preached from 2 Cor. 12, 14, Rev. M^r. Brown of Abington & Rev^d. M^r. Allen of Bridgwater joyned in Laying on hands. M^r. Bourn was dismissed 6 Aug., A. D. 1761, having been in the Ministry about 37 years, in w^c Term he baptized Eleven hundred & fourteen. Marr^s. 274.

March 12, 1710/11. The Chh. renewed their Covenant to w^c. signed M^r. Pitcher Pastor, David Jacob & Benjamin Pierce Deacons, besides the other Brethren. These were Deacons before his Ordination 1707: at which Time fifty Males belonged to the Chh. in full Communion. In 1716 M^r. Simon Delis[], a Member of the French Protestant Chh. in Boston, was upon Recommend^a. admitted to full Commun. in this Chh. and taking some offence about the Settlem^t. of M^r. Bourn 1724, turned to the Chh. of England, becoming a proselyte of Dr. Cutler. This begun the Episc^o. Chh. in Scituate.

DEACONS

M^r. Pitcher's day { David Jacob } in office before 1707.
 { Benj^a. Pierce }

In M ^r . Bourn's Day	{	Sam ^l . Stodder	chosen Feb. 7, 1732. Died 1761.
		Tho ^a . Pierce	chosen May 13, 1735, resigned, his Wife being Quaker. He officiated some years.
		Jonathan Merrit	resigned about 1754
		Elisha Pierce	chosen Feb. 25, 1743
M ^r . Grosvenor's Day	{	Ezra Pitcher	chosen Feb. 19, 1754, resigned 1764
		Joseph Bailey	chosen Nov. 29, 1764
		Sam ^l . Jenkins	chosen March 9, 1768

PRESENT DEACONS OFFICIATING 1768

Elisha Pierce, Joseph Baily, Sam^l. Jenkins.

Chh. Meeting May 13, 1735. "Agreed by the Chh. that Servant Children be baptized upon the Faith of their Masters or Overseer, they promis^d to bring them up in the Nurt. & Admon. of the Ld."

Chh. Meet^d. 19 Feb. 1754. Votes for Deacon fell on "Ezra Pitcher: and seeing he never had a Dismission from the Chh. in Brattle Street, Boston, whereto he belonged, the Pastor called a

vote, whether this Chh. were willing to receive s^d. Pitcher into our Communion, and likewise for their Deacon. It passed in the Affirm^a. Nem. Con."

Aug. 20, 1758. "Ann the Wife of Jn^o. Sutton promised to bring up her 3 fatherless Grand Sons, Jn^o., Abner & Andrew, & offered them to God in Baptism."

M^r. Grosvenor's Ordination 20 Apr., 1763. "The Rev^d. M^r. Wales, Pastor of the 2^d Chh. in Marshfield, opened the Solemnity with prayer; the Rev^d. M^r. Dunbar of Stoughton preached a Serm. suitable to the Occasion fr. 2 Cor. 2. 17, for we are not as many w^c corrupt the Word of God. The Rev^d. M^r. Gay, Pastor of the first Chh. in Hingham, prayed & gave the Charge. The Rev^d. M^r. Stiles, Pastor of the first Chh. in Woodstock, prayed after the Charge. The Rev^d. M^r. Smith, Pastor of the first Chh. in Weymouth, gave the right hand of Fellowship & the Pastor ordained named & read the Psalm & gave the Blessing."

Rev. M^r. Bourn died at Roxbury Aug. 14, 1768. . . .

SECOND CHH. IN HINGHAM,¹ M^r. BROWN PRESENT PASTOR.

Gathered Dec. 12, 1721. Seven Male Memb. besides M^r. Nehemiah Hobart Pastor Elect signed the Covenant. The next day M^r. Hobart was ordained. The Rev^d. M^r. Pitcher of Scituate gave the Charge: the Rev^d. M^r. Whitman of Hull gave the right hand of Fellowship: the Rev. M^r. Lewis of Pemb. preached fr. 2 Tim^o. 2, 15. The Rev^d. M^r. Gay made the first prayer." He died May 31, 1740, æt. 43, Min. 19.

Successor Rev^d. John Fowl ord. Dec. 31, 1741. "Rev^d. W^m. Smith of Weym^o. began with prayer, the Rev. M^r. Hull Abbot of Charlest^o. pr. fr. 1 Pet. 2 Chap. 25 v. The Rev. Nath. Ells of Scit. gave the Charge, the Rev. Eben^r. Gay of Hingh. Old Parish gave the right hand of Fellowship." M^r. Fowl became Episcopalian.

"Sep^r. 2, 1747, John Brown was ordained BISHOP over the Second Church in Hingham. The Chhs. sent on this Occasion were those under the Care of the Rev^d. Mess^{rs}. Nath^l. Ells, Jn^o. Cotton, Nath^l. Appleton, Eben. Gay, James Bailey, Shearj. Bourn, Josiah Cotton, W^m. Smith, Ward Cotton, Sam^l. Cook & Dan^l. Shute.

¹ The Second Parish in Hingham is now the town of Cohasset, Massachusetts.

"The Rev^d. W^m. Smith opened the Solemnity with Prayer, the Rev. Ward Cotton preached from &c., the Rev^d. M^r. Eells gave the Charge, the Rev^d. Josiah Cotton the R. Hand of Fellow. & the Rev^d. M^r. Bourn concluded with prayer." N. B. Rev. M^r. Eells laid on hands, & in giving the Charge ordained him Bishop, saying "we ordain you a Bishop."

Extracted fr. Chh. Records Hingh. 2^d Chh., Rev^d. Jn^o. Browne present Pastor.

Now A. D. 1768 are about 140 Fam in the Parish—about 120 Communicants of which about 40 Males. Have the Communion monthly except 3 Winter M^o., i. e. 9 Times a year, as in Scituate. The Chh. Cov^t. taken fr. Dr. Mather Ratio Disciplinæ. Admit to Commun. without Rel^a. Pastor writes no Confession but asks ex ore &c.

DEACONS.

Jn^o. Jacobs chosen 1721. Resigned Feb. 4, 1749.

Lazarus Beal chosen March 13, 1737, resigned Feb. 15, 1756.

Isaac Lincoln chosen March 17, 1754 } present Deacons.
Amos Joy chosen Feb. 15, 1756 }

. . . First Chh. Hingham, Rev. Eben. Gay present Pastor, was gathered in Hingh. in Engl^d. under Rev^d. Peter Hobart . . M^r. Hobart & about 29 families removed & came over hither A. D. 1635 & settled in Hingham. He with neighb^s. Pastors ordained M^r. Jn^o. Norton Oct. 27, 1678. . . He was Presbyterian in principle but had no ruling Elders—baptized all—required no Relations, nor written or Confession.

In 1716 M^r. Norton died æt. 65. Rev^d. M^r. Eben^r. Gay came in 1717—ordained June 11, O. S. 1718. Before w^c. no Records kept except that M^r. Hobart kept mixt Memoirs civil secular & religious.

M^r. Hobart & M^r. Norton baptized without own^s. Cov^t. accounting parents offer^s. Child. to Bapt. sufficient. But required Assent to Confession of Faith or some gen. Declar^a. in ord. to Communion. All the people of Hingham are baptized.

B^o. Chh. offended & dealt with Hingham because their Minister practised promiscuous Baptisms, not restraining it to Children of Communicants. Now 1768 are 500 Fam. in three Precincts—the first bigger than both others, & may contain 300 Fam. or 250. About 100 Male Commun. & 200 female D^o.

EX ORE M^r. GAY.

Now 1768 sing Tate & Brady's Version of Psalms with select Hymns of D^r. Watts annexed. . . .

The Admiss. to Commun. Ex Ore—never Relations—antiently all baptized persons had their Child. baptized of Course: M^r. Gay introduced Own^r. Cov^t. for first Child.—Confession in Case Scandal required.

B^o. first Chh. sent to M^r. Hobart & Chh. about admitt^r. Members without Relations, & baptizing Child. whose parents not in full Communion.

But one Fam. in parish 1768 whose Children not baptized. Admissions always at Sacrament after Assembly dismissed & a fortnight's propounding.

Rev^d. Eben^r. Gay born at Dedham Aug^t. 15, 1696.

The people sober, industrious, don't go to Taverns, generally pray in families & a great number hopefully pious & truly religious. . . .

The Rev^d. M^r. Gay's Chh. Records contains all Baptisms & Deaths. About 1720 the Bap. were about 30 per ann.; rose 50 per ann. by 1746 when 3^d. Chh. went off & are about 40 or 45 per ann. 1768.

Deaths about 15 per ann. 1720, are above 30 per ann. 1768. . . .

 FIRST CHH. WEYMOUTH.

No Records of Chh. before M^r. Smith.

PASTORS.

M^r. Jenners, first Preacher.

Old M^r. Newman who moved with part Chh. to Rehoboth.

Tho. Thatcher removed to 3 Chh. B^o. about 1669.

Ord. 1656 Sam^l. Torrey ob. 1707 æt. 76. Min. 51.

Peter Thatcher moved to B^o. New N^o. about 1714.

Tho^r. Paine removed or dismissed.

W^m. Smith ord. Dec. 4, 1734.

Deacons, Josiah Waterman, Abiah Whitman, John Holbrook.

About 200 Communicants. Admiss. by hand vote.

In each 2 Parishes about 100 fam.

EPITAPH AT WEYMOUTH.

Here lies interred the Body of the Reverend M^r. SAMUEL TORREY
Pastor of the Chh. of Christ in Weymouth, aged 75 years. Died
April 21, 1707.

Rev. M^r. Smith born the year M^r. Torrey died.

Same Custom as Hingham in Admiss. to Ordinances.

BRANTREE 1st CHH.

Vid. M^r. Hancock's Cent^y. Sermon to 1739. Rev. M^r. Hancock
died May 7, 1744—succeeded by M^r. Briant ord. Dec. 11, 1745.
Dismissed Oct^o. 22, 1753. Succeeded by M^r. Ant^o. Wibird ord.
Feb. 5, 1755. No Records to be found before A. D. 1671.

Deacons—Pet. Adams	} elected 1727
Sam ^l . Savil	
Jonathan Webb	} Chose May 11, 1747, in room of
John Adams	
Joseph Palmer	} Deacons Pain & Adams deceased
Moses Belcher	
Joseph Neal	
	} May 29 (1753)

Extracts from MSS. in the Steeple Library of the South Chh. of
Boston collected by M^r. Prince.

"The coppie of a Lett. sent by the Lord General to the Rev^d. M^r.
Cotton of Boston in New England.¹

"Worthy Sir, my christian Friend,

"I rec'd yours a few days sithence, it was wellcome to me because
signed by you, whom I love & honor in the Lord. But more to see some of
the same ground of our actings stirring in you to quicken us to our Worke,
& to support us therein, which hath had greatest Difficultie in o^r. Engage-
ment in Scotland by reason we have had to doe with some who are I verilie
think godlie but through weakness & the subtilty of the Serpent, in an Inter-
est against the Lord & his people. With what Tenderness we have pro-
ceeded with such, & that with sincerity, our paper (which I suppose you
have seen) will in part manifest, and give you comfortable assurance that
the Lord hath appeared marvellously against them. And now again when all
the power was devolved into the Scottish King & malignant partie, they invad-
ing England, the Lord rained upon them such Snares as the inclosed will
shew, not five of the whole armie returning. Truely, Sir, the Lord is greatly

¹ This copy is printed, as it differs in a few particulars from that given by
Governor Hutchinson in his *Collection of Original Papers*, 1769, p. 236.

to be feared. We need your prayers in this as much as ever. How shall we behave ourselves after such Mercies? What is the Lord a doing? What prophecies are now fulfilling? who is a God like ours? To know his Will & to do his Will are both of Him. I took the Liberty from Businesse to salute you thus in a Word. Truly I am ready to serve you, & the rest of our Brethren in the Churches with you. I am a poor weak Creature & not worthie the name of a Worme, yet accepted to serve the Lord & His people. Indeed my dear friend between you & me, you know not my weaknesses, my inordinate passions, my unskilfulness & every way unfittesne to any Work, yet the Lord who will have mercy on whome he will doth as you see. Pray for me. Salute all christian Friends though unknown. I rest

"Your affectionate Friend to serve you

"O. CROMWELL.

"Octob. 2, 1651."

Grafton Oct^o. 19, 1736. Rev^d. Sol^o. Prentice Pastor, 53 Fam., 276 Souls, Commun. 29 Males 31 fem. Indian Fam. four i. e. 4 Men 5 Wom. 6 Boys 7 Girls; of w^c. 4 baptized.

Westford . . set off to be a T^o. 1726. In 1730 N^o. Fam. 80. Chh. gathered Nov. 15, 1727. N^o. Males at first 18, at present 41. Rev. Willard Hall ord. Nov^r. 15, 1727—five Fam. added fr. Groton.

Bedford granted 1729, C^o. Middlesex. Inhab. before Grant were part of Concord viz. 22, and 27 of Billerica: now (1730) Fam. 51. Chh. gath^d. July 15 1730 with 24 Males. Rev^d. Nicolas Bowes ord. July 15, 1730.

Holliston granted 1724, taken fr. Sherburn, C^o. Midd. Chh. gath. Oct^o. 31, 1728, Eight Males. Rev^d. James Stone ord. Nov. 20, 1728, æt. 25. N^o. Fam. 46 A. D. 1729.

Eastham N^o. Precinct called Billingsgate. Chh. gathered Sep. 23 1730 & same day Rev. Isaiah Lewis ord. Fam. 75 A. D. 1731.

Province Town 1729 were 50 Fam. Chh. gath. Aug^t. 22, 1722. Rev. Sam^l. Spear ord.

Fallmouth—Chh. gathered 28 Oct^o. 1708 then Rev^d. Joseph Metcalf ord. ob. May 22, 1723. Succeeded by Rev^d. Josiah Marshall ord. 19 Aug. 1724. Before M^r. Metcalf Preach^g. done by Laymen, first M^r. Jonathan Downham some years, afterw^d. remov^d. to Vinyard, next M^r. Sam^l. Shvirick settled by Agreem^t. & lawfully the Town's Minister; but upon M^r. Metcalf's com^g., by mutual Agreem^t. he & the T^o. discharged of mutual Obligation.

N^o. Precinct of Eastham als. Billings^g. set off 1710 by T^o. when M^r. Latimer began to preach—1714 M^r. Oakes came: 1723 made

Precinct. 1724 M^r. Oaks called by "Vote of Precinct to be their Minister for 20 years whereby he became their Min. by Law of the Province." In 1727 a Council found nothing scandalous nor erroneous nor defect of ministerial Abilities, but advised him to surcease his Min^y.

Truro granted 1709. Chh. gathered Nov 1st., 1711. Males 8 with Pastor Rev^d. Jn^o. Avery ord. that day. In 1729 Males 50. Four Ruling Elders—Tho^s. Mulford & Constant Freeman chosen Janry 11, 1726/7, ordained Mar. 24, 1727/8—two last Jn^o. Meyrick & Tho. Paine chosen Nov. 13, 1728, ord. Dec. 15 foll^g.

Rehoboth 2^d Chh. gathered Nov. 29, 1721. Males 10. Same day M^r. Turner ord. 30 Males 1729. . . .

Barrington. Chh. &c. Nov. 1720. Males 7. Rev^d. Sam^l. Terry first min. ord. Nov. 1720. Dismissd Sep. 7, 1726. [Later addition.] Quere. Did not M^r. Wilson preach here? Gr. son of Old M^r. Wilson of B^o.

Marblehead made a Township 1642 or 1643 fourty four Proprietors. The Rev^d. W^m. Walton first Minister—"officiated tho' unordained" (this I don't understand). Died 1668. Rev. Sam^l. Cheever succeeded 1669. "He continued near fifteen years among them unordained, till on the 13 of Aug. 1684 a Chh. was gath^d. consist^g. of fourteen Male Members & M^r. Cheever was ord. their Pastor. This original Chh. has had another Chh. swarmed fr. it, yet there is at this day, out of more than Three Hundred Males about 58 Males in full communion besides 95 who have personally own^d. the Cov^t. whom I esteem Members of the Chh., 170 females, about 160 more renew^d. their Cov^t. The Rev. M^r. Sam^l. Cheever died May 29, 1724, in the 85th. y. of his Age. & 56th of his Min^y." (Chh. of Eng. founded 1714.) . .

Manchester began 1640 & altho y^e 1st Comers prepared an house for y^e pub. Worsh^p. & Entertain^t. of y^e Minister & had more than twelve preachers, some many y. together & M^r. Joans for more than twenty years, yet the people generally unbaptiz'd & no Chh. gathered till Nov. 7, 1716, when M^r. Ames Cheever was ord.

Lynn. . . . N^o. Fam. 180. Commun. M. 41. A. D. 1730.

Topsfield, settled 1650, uncertain wⁿ. gathered . . . First N^o. Commun. Males 10—N^o. in 1730 48—& 93 Fam. . .

Wenham settled about 1643. Rev^d. M^r. Fisk first Pastor. When Rev. M^r. Gerrish came 1673 it consisted of 27 fam., now A. D. 1730 85. . . About A. D. 1730 N^o. Males Commun. 58 . . .

Andover . . . In 1729 were 126 Males & 200 Fem. belong^d to 1st Chh. Precinct 133 Families.

Newbury settled 1634. In 1641 Commons settled on 81 persons (imply^d. perh. 60 Fam.).

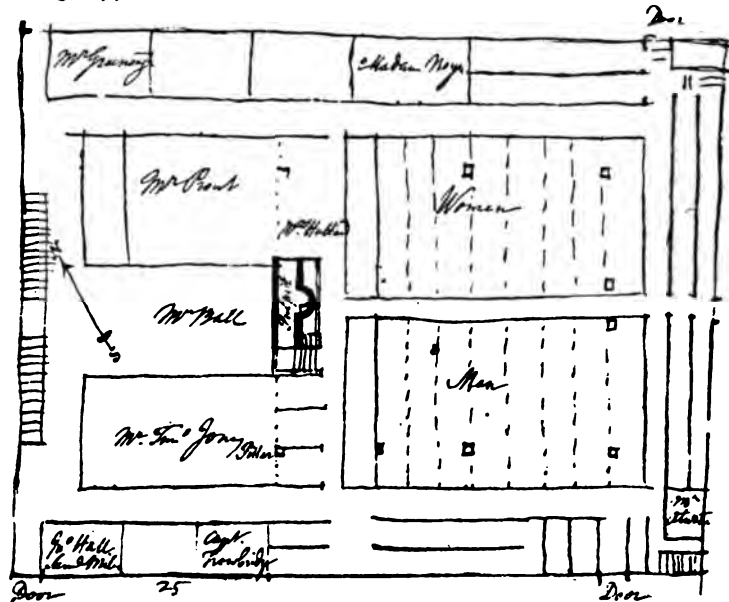
1 st Chh. gath ^d	1634 first n ^o Males —,	present 112 A. D. 1729
2 ^d . " " Oct ^o . 26, 1698	24	D ^o . 163
3 ^d . " " Nov. 20, 1706	13	D ^o . —
4 th . " " Janry. 12, 1725/6	22	D ^o . 104

. . . There never was a Ruling Elder in any Chh. in Newbury. Between 5 & 600 Fam. 1729 . . .

. . . May 19 1768 Miss Susanna Mason obiit.

Fifty six Scholars in the Freshman Class only in Harvard Coll. at this Time.

New Haven old Meetinghouse (Rev. M^r. Noyes's) taken down about 1757. It was about 60 feet long & 50 or 55 wide. An Addition of 25 feet west of the Pulpit. All of it was less than 60 feet square. This Position of the Seats & Pews I & my Wife recollected Nov. 13, 1772.



In the year 1757 were 197 Dwellinghouses (besides the Colleges) in the compact part of New Haven. In 1772 were 328.

Sept. 5, 1768. Congregational Chh. S°. Kingston. Petaquams-cut Purchase made ———. Settled about 1675—Preachers in succession, M^r. Woodward of Dedham who came 1695—M^r. Danforth of Dorchester—M^r. Hen. Flynt Tutor—M^r. Niles, who afterwards settled at Brantree—& Rev. Joseph Torrey the first Pastor of the Chh. which was gathered 1732. M^r. Torrey was ordained May 17, 1732.

Stratford settled about ———. Chh. gath^d. uncertain. The first Minister Rev. Adam Blackman, who continued in the Min^y to his Death 1665. Rev. Israel Chauncey elected Collegue. . . .

M^r. Chauncy Opin. baptized only Child. one of whose parents in full Commun. M^r. Walker for Cov^t. &c.

Present Deacons Isaiah Brown & Agur Tomlinson A.M. About 180 or 200 Commun. Males & Fem. All Whites & Blacks universally baptized. About 40 or 50 Bapt. per ann.

VIATICUM 22 DOLLARS			} Gratuities
M ^r . Marchant	five Dollars	£1. 10.	
M ^r . Stevens	three Dollars	18.	
M ^r . W ^m . Ellery	one Dollar	6.	
M ^r . Rob. Stevens jun.	one Dollar	6.	
M ^r . Ben Ellery	one Doll.	6.	
M ^{rs} . Richdson	one Doll.	6.	
Miss Nancy Ellery	Three Doll.	18.	
Loose Contrib.	Three Doll.	18.	
	18 Doll.	£5. 8. L. M.	
my own	4 Doll.	1. 4.	
Tot.	22 Doll.	£6. 12. L. M.	
Left at home £15.			

In Lyme are seven Congregations—4 of the regular standing Chhs.—3 of the Separates of which two are Baptists. But the pædseparates in the Vicinity of the Bapt. attend the Baptist Teachers, & I think the Bapt. allow some Pædob. to partake in Lds. Supper. M^r. Mae's Chh. may be 40 Communicants. The Chh. in Old

have stated Preaching of a regular Candidate. Majority of Society petitioned Assembly for perpetual Release fr. Rates for Ministry. Upon w^e. the N^o. Part are about to petition for a distinct Parish, the Separates there joyning with the others in it. Most of Sep. are for Inf^t. Baptism. M^r. Johnson's Society most numerous. M^r. Mae born in M^r. Beckwith's Society. M^r. Miner æ. 26 a Shoemaker has 3 Children, & lives with a rich, childless Brother in Law who may make him his Heir. Bap. Chhs. allow Presb. Members to partake at Ld. Supper, & get their Infants baptized by Sprinkl^r by other Ministers—& so practised: but old ones against it.

The Rev. Moses Noyes was the first Minister of Lyme. He preached there a number of years before he was ordained or the Chh. gathered. He continued in the Ministry many years. Before his Death the Rev. M^r. Pierpont was ordained, & was drowned about half a year after his ord.; he was found afterwards & buried on Fisher's Island. The Rev. M^r. Parsons succeeded & was dismissed. The Rev. Stephen Johnson succeeded, & is the present Pastor of the first Chh. in Town. When he was ordained the Parish consisted of about 120 Fam. of w^e. 16 or 18 Separates, the most of them Baptists, & formed a Bap. Chh.

The Sep. in M^r. Beckwith's Society are between a Quarter & Third of the Parish. Most or Majority of East Parish are Bapt. & Separates. Hence perhaps One Third of the whole Town may be Sep. & Baptists. Now about a doz. Fam. in first Parish.

Paugwunk or New Salem in S^o. part of Colechester border^d. on N. Lond. & Lyme, was formerly a gathered Chh. & Rev. M^r. Lovatt a Cantabrigian ord. Pastor. He laid by the Ministry, & lives & keeps School in N. Lond. Neck. After his Dismission the Chh. dissolved, & the Parish overrun with Sep. & Bapt. The present state, 1768.

M^r. Abiel Ledoit ordin. 1768 over a Bapt. Chh. in West Parish Woodstock, near a third part of the Parish: beside some others from neighbor^d. Parishes in T^o. & Union. His congregation sd. to be near as big as M^r. Williams. His Meetg^h. about 150 Rods N. W. or W. fr. M^r. W^{ms}. Meetg^h. . . .

Rev. Nathan Basset grad. Harv. Coll. 1719; and Rev. Josiah Smith grad. ibid. 1725. Settled Collegues at Charlest^o. S^o. Carolina;

where M^r. Basset died June —, 1738. M^r. Smith preached June 26, 1738, next Ldsday after funeral from Acts 20, 38. . . .

D^r. Wheelock's Diploma from Edinb. dated June 1767, one Day before D^r. Whitaker's from S^t. Andrew.

D^r. Bellamy's from Aberdeen March 1768, procured by the Earl of Buchan, Brother to Rev. M^r. Erskine, one of the Min. of Edingb. with whom D^r. Bell^y. corresponded; as he does with M^r. Gillies of Glasgow.

Stratf^d. first Par., Episc^o. above Quarter & not a Third of the List. M^r. Wetmore's Cong. about 200 Fam.: the Chh. &c. much propor. Polls as List. M^r. Wetmore ord. not by the Consociation.

Rev. M^r. Talbot Missionary at Burlington died there about 1725. He was a *Bishop of the Nonjurors*.¹ Rev^d. M^r. Vaughn of Eliz^a. T^o. told M^r. Dickinson of Norwalk that he found his Letters of Consecration among M^r. Talbot's papers.

Another Episc^o. Min. at Philad. was also ordained a nonjur^s. Bishop. He was sent for home as such, but he escaped & died in Portugal, declar^g. himself a Nonjuror, about 1730.²

This about the nonjuror Bps. I am told by Rev. Noah Hobart of Fairfield, being at his house Sept. 1768.

. . . Rev. Joshua Hobart of S^hold, L. Isl^d.—the most universal Scholar of the Fam^y. He was born in Engld.—travelled in Engld., was a Min. in Ireld. & there put into Goal at the Restor^a. for Non Conf^y.—came over and settled on L. Isl^d.—a very learned Man, a mighty Chimyst. . . .

Confess. for Fornic^a. only to the Chh. in Stratf^d. . . Number of Families in Parish 1768

¹ John Talbot, born 1645, died 1727. For fuller notices see Rev. Dr. G. M. Hills, *History of the Church in Burlington, New Jersey*, and Bishop W. S. Perry, *History of the American Episcopal Church*, i.

² Richard Welton, born about 1671, died 1726. See *Dictionary of National Biography*.

Congreg ^a .	168
Episc ^o .	75
	243

No Episc^o. belong to this Mission but those of the first Parish.

A Petition to be freed from Rates to the Stand^a. Min^r. in Connecticut, was preferred to the Gen. Assem. 1767 or 1768, signed by above *Seven Hundred Separates*, in Behalf of themselves & many others. There may be probably a *Thous^d. Families* of Separates in Connecticut; or as many as of Episcopalians. The Inhab. of that Colony are about *Thirty Thous^d Families*.

. . . Deacon William Barns of New Fairfield in Connecticut died Sept. 18, 1768, Æ. 69.

Westminster in Massachusetts, Nov. 30, 1768, Died Deacon Joseph Holden: having been an Inhab. of West^m. about 31 years: his Family the second Fam. that moved into that place.

M^r. Dickinson of Norwalk & M^r. Hobart of Fairfield do not approve of the Convention.¹

Carmel give M^r. Sherman² £85. L. M. & 50 Cords Wood of w^c. 25 Walnut. No Settl^t.

N^o. Haven give £75 L. M. & 25 Cord & use of 30 Acres. Parsonage cleared good pasture. Settl^{m^t}. about £200.

. . In 1767 but Ten or Twelve Fam. Indians in Farmington.

Troops embarked at Saybrook for Quinnipiauke or N. Haven & ranged to Fairfield where finished the pursuit of Pequots. In

¹ The Convention of Congregational Churches and the Presbyterian Church to be held at Elizabeth Town, New Jersey, in October, 1768.

² Rev. Nathaniel Sherman, settled over the church in Mount Carmel, in Hamden, in May, 1769.

this range killed several Sachems or Warriors—one Uncas killed in Guilford & put up his Head on a Tree upon a Point since called "Sachem's Head."

Rev. Hen. Whitfield's Stone house in Guilfd. now stand^e. I visited it. His Estate there now rents for 187 ounces Silver or about £62. L. M. in Care of M^r. Oliver of B°. Present Heir Robert Thompson in Engld.

In Lyme were Two Tribes Ind. Nihantic & Joshuas.

Chh. M^t. Carmel gathered 176—; about 31 Members, above half Males¹ :—

Capt. Dan ^l . Bradly	W	Jabez Bradly	W
Amos D ^o .	W	Joel D ^o .	W
Dan ^l . D ^o . jun.	W	Wait Chatterton	W
Dan ^l . Sperry	o	Elisha Bradly	W
David D ^o .	o	Amos Peck	W
Caleb Andruss	W	Benj. Pardy	W
Nathan Alling	W	And. Goody.	o
Jon ^a . Dick.		Jesse Blakly	o 17
Benj. Hotchkiss	W		
	W ^o . Dick.		
	S ^o . Doolittle	W	
Deacons, D. Bradly	Amos Peck		

. . . Judge Silliman has Twenty Plants of Hyson Tea sowed June 13th, 1768, & now Sep. 20, 1768, I saw & measured several sixteen Inches high: and Two of them had shot out Petals headed with Blossoms for Seed & four others shewed the heads of Petals but none quite blossomed.

FAIRFIELD.

The Pequots were pursued & the War finished at a place in this T^o. called Pequot Swamp to this Day. The Connect. Soldiers pleased with the Land returned & begun a Settlem^t. about 1638. Afterwards a number from *Concord* came & joyned & settled with

¹ The letter "W" is affixed to the names of those whose *wives* were also members.

them, & bro't with a Minister, M^r. Jones, who came over from Engld., a Minister an old Man. He probably formed or gathered about 1643. Not known when he died, but he died in Min^y. after a few years. He was succeeded by Rev. Sam^l. Wakeman, who is said to have been one of the Class who left Harv^d. Coll. without Graduation about 1653. M^r. Wakeman continued a long Time in the Ministry in w^c he died about 1690, Æ. 64 circa. Succeeded by Rev. Joseph Webb who was ord. Aug. 15, 1694 & died in Min^y. Sep. 19, 1732, Min. 38 y. 1 M^o. Succeeded by Rev. Noah Hobart Feb. 7, 1732/3. Mostly baptized. Never any ruling Elders.

Deacons: John Tompson
 William Hill ob. about 1747
 Lothrop Lewis chose May 29, 1729, resigned
 June 4, 1733, was reelected May 31,
 1739, now living.
 Moses Dimon chosen June, 1733, ob. about 1746.
 David Rowland chose Apr. 20, 1747, ob. Aug. 1768.

Admissions generally at Commun., with one week propound^e.—
 no Relation or Confess. Faith, but oral Covenant.

NEW HAVEN CHH.

Had a Ruling Elder in 1644 & thereabouts as appears by a process of Chh. Discipline entered at large in the Chh. Records, but his Name is unknown.¹ From 1673 to 1685 the Chh. divided about settl^e. a Minister for nearly 12 years, dur^e. w^c. they had M^r. Taylor & M^r. Herriman² as Preachers. Taylor not known to have been settled in Min^y—but M^r. Herriman s^d. to have settled in Min^y. in Virginia.

M^r. Fessenden's Form of Admiss. into Chh. Sandwich. "You do solemnly before this Congregation & the Angel of the Lord, take God the Father to be your God & Father, God the Son to be your Prophet, King & Redeemer, God the holy Ghost for your Sanctifier. You promise Submission to the Discipline of this Chh.; & that you will walk in all the Ordinances & Commandments of the Ld. blameless, as you desire Mercy in the great Day of Judgment."

¹ Now known to be Robert Newman.

² John Harriman (Harvard Coll. 1667) and Joseph Taylor (Harvard 1669).

Taken from Memory of Rev. M^r. Ellis. Relation of Experiences first read; then the Minister pronounced (but not read) this form; then proposed Vote by uplifted Hands. M^r. Fessenden preached without Notes.

. . . In 1730 or 1731 was a great Aurora nearly all night. It extended over the whole Hemisphere in purple sheets of Aurora frequently altering their position—not so much in linear corruscations as in broad Columns. . . .

NORTH HAVEN 1727

Jn ^o Cooper	Theop. Heaton	Sam ^l . Sanf ^d .
¹ Reuben Bachelor	Seth D ^o .	Deacon Todd
Capt. Grannis	Capt. Sanford	Caleb Todd
Jn ^o . Barns	Eben. Frost	Sam ^l . Tharp
Israel Barns	Tho ^a . Humiston	Isaac Tharp
Benj ^a . Barns	Tho ^a . Beach	Serg ^t . Humiston
Moses Brocket	Jn ^o . Pardy	Dan ^l . Potter
Tho ^a . Barns	Dan ^l . Finch	Josiah Tuttle
Dan ^l . Barns	¹ Jos. Pierpont	James Todd
Dan Barns	Step. Curtiss	¹ Caleb Atwater
Sam ^l . Brocket	¹ Capt. Sacket	¹ Serg ^t . Tho ^a . Atwater
Tho ^a . Jacobs	Joshua Ray	Ab ^m . Blackslee
Sam Jacobs	Joseph Malery	Eben ^r . Blackslee
M ^r . Blackslly	Phin. Clark	Lawrence Clinton
¹ Jn ^o . Woolcott	Jos. Cooper	Ja ^a . Paine
¹ Sam ^l . Bassett	Tho ^a . Ives	Step. Clark
Ab ^m . Bassett	Jos. Turner	Isaac Dayton
Steph. Allen	Dan ^l . Tuttle	Benj. Todd
¹ James Bradly	Geo. Mix	Gershom D ^o .
Sam ^l . Bradly	David Yale	Jon ^a . Tuttle
Jos. D ^o .	¹ James Eaton	W ^m . Tuttle
Eben ^r . Ives	¹ —— Griggs	Nat. Tuttle
¹ Deacon Ives	Sam ^l . Tuttle	Jos. Clark
Capt. Ives	Jos. Basset	Aaron Tuttle
¹ Elihu Yale	Ja ^a . Bishop	Deacon Blackly
Deac. D ^o .	Jas. D ^o . Jun.	Josiah Todd
Jon ^a . Gilb.	Jos. Sperry	
		A. D. 1727 81
		A. D. 1768 180

¹ Came in afterwds.

. . . Episc^o. in T^o. Stanf^d. about 450 Souls, i. e. a seventh part of the whole.

. . . NORTH HAVEN, SEPT. 26, 1768
 Numb. of Families in Parish 208
 of which are Episc^o. 16
 Communicants male & fem. about 160 or 170

FR. 1760, DEC^r. TO SEP. 1768

Infants baptized 210

Adults bapt. 2

212

Commun. admitted 41

Marriages by Pastor 68

Deaths 78

Ex Ore Pastoris & fr. Chh. Records

. . . Lyndeborough olim Salem, Canada, Rev^d. Sewall Goodrich¹ ord. Sep. 7, 1768.

M^r. Frothingham lives at Middletown—is Separate Min. over perh. 40 or 50 Fam. who maintain him by volunt^r Contrib. They have built a house, the Chambers of w^c are all in one & serve as a Meetingh.—the lower part a Parsonage House where M^r. Froth. lives.

. . . Rev^d. M^r. Danforth of Taunton preached in Indian to a number or Tribe at Titicut near Taunton. Rev. M^r. Keith of Bridgewater being present, after Meeting humorously said, "Brother Danforth has preached the most unprofitable Sermon I ever heard."

Rev. Sol^o. Stoddard of North Hampton preached without reading Notes. His manner of writ^g. Sermons thus—chose his Subject—in his Mind divided into general & particular Heads—then tak^g. his paper, left room for a Text & Introduction—at proper distance wrote his Doctrine & first proposition—at another Dist^a. wrote another prop^o. &c. leaving Spaces sufficient. Then returned & wrote at proper spaces particulars under the generals—then went over the whole again enlarg^g. & finish^g the particulars & adding Texts &

¹ Born in Lunenburg, Massachusetts, 1743; died in Lyndeborough, 1809.

proofs. Then subjoined an Improvement &c. And last of all looked a Text & wrote it with an Introduction to his Doctrine.

Ex Ore Rev. Sam^l. Hall who lived & studied Div^y with M^r. Stoddard. . . .

CHH. S^o. KINGSTON GATHERED MAY 17, 1732.

Chh. Covenant . . [subscribed by] Joseph Torrey, George Douglas, William Mumford, Alice Gardner, Mary Wilson.

On the same Day M^r. Torrey was ordained by the Rev. Sam^l. Niles of Brantree, Rev. Jn^o. Webb & Rev. Tho^s. Prince of Boston, Rev. James Searing of Newport. Messengers, Deacon Jn^o. Smith with M^r. Webb—Sam^l. Sewall Esq. with M^r. Prince—Nathan Townsend A.M. with M^r. Searing. . . . with M^r. Niles who was chosen Moderator. M^r. Searing made the first prayer; M^r. Webb preached; M^r. Niles gave the Charge & prayed during the Imposition of hands; M^r. Prince gave right hand Fellowship.

COMMUNICANTS REC'D:

April	21, 1734	Mary W. of Geo. Douglas
Feb.	27, 1736	Paul Woodb.
	1737	Eliz ^a . W. of Jos. Torry
Apr.	29, 1739	Tho ^s . Armstrong
Feb. 3,	1739/40	Ann W. of Jn ^o . Cole
	1740	Sarah W. of Paul Woodb.
May	15, 1743	Lucy Hammand
Nov.	25, 1744	Rows Helme removd
Mar.	31, 1745	Priscilla a Negro
May	26, 1745	Henry Done removd
June	9, 1745	Katherine Holloway
June	16, 1745	Sarah an Ind. joyned Ind. Chh.
Dec.	1, 1745	Jane Neg. Sep ^t .
Aug.	24, 1746	Sarah W. Simeon Palmer Sep ^t
May	10, 1747	Mary Neg.
Nov.	18, 1750	Eliz. W. Oliver Hapg ^d .
May	25, 1755	James Smith
June	15, 1760	Ann W. Tho. Hawkins
Oct.	7, 1764	Jn ^o . Anderson
Sep.	25, 1768	Abigal W. Jer. Wilson

Baptisms 104 to Oct. 2, 1768, of w^c. many adults.

LEBANON.

First Chh. gath^d. Nov. 27, 1700, same time Rev. Joseph Parsons ord. & dism. 1708. Rev. Sam^l. Welles ord. Dec. 5, 1711 & dism.

Dec. 5, 1722 . . M^r. Welles married a Wife in Boston who was uneasy at living in Lebanon; so he sought a Dismission.

. . . NEW LONDON OR PEQUOT.

Rev. Richard Blinman first Pastor . . M^r. Blinman conveyed his Lands to Christ^o. Christophers in 1670. T^o. settled from Cape Ann; of about Twenty Fam. all but 5 extinct in 1767. M^r. Bennet preached but not settled. M^r. Bulkley was here also but removed to Weathersfield in 1665. . . .

STONINGTON.

. . . The N^o. part made a Parish [1720] & Rev^d. Eben^r. Russel first pastor . . Succeeded by Rev. Joseph Fish. . . In M^r. Fish's Par. one Congreg^a. Chh. of Separates whose Ministers are Matthew Smith, Oliver Prentice & Nathan Avery. And a Bapt. Chh. made out of Separates, Wake Palmer ord. about 1748, dism. about 1766, have now Eleazar Brown, Preacher, but not ordained. Elder Palmer & his Chh. admit Presbyterians to Communion, i. e., "those whose Faces are washed in Infancy & without Rebaptizing." About 1750 another Baptist Society formed in the N. E. part of Mr. Eells parish; Stephen Babcock of Westerly was ord. their Elder about 1751. They admit to Communion such as bapt. in Infancy. They also admit some without baptizing at all, "if they be such as they can have fellowship with." This Elder Babcock & his adherents differ^d. with other Baptists about Discipline, &c., had been excommunicated or withdrew Communion. Thence a Division of Babcock Chh.; & he now carries on at Westerly with such as will hear him. The rest of his Chh. meet in M^r. Fish's Parish, & their Meetingh. is now deserted.

. . . Episc^o. in Saybrook about Twelve Families—of Baptists Fam. about 22, whose Chh. is registered with the Colony of Connect.

STANFORD.

. . . "I know not the exact Number of Episcopalians in the whole Town, but should imagine them to be somewhat about 450 Souls, i. e., about a Seventh part of the whole."

From a Memoir of Rev. Noah Welles. Copied Sep. 22, 1768.

. . . M^r. EDWARDS &C. SEP. 15, 1768.¹

About 213 Votes.—113 for, 90 continuing, of w^c. few negative. In Chh. 41 Males present, all for but one. Rate on about 210 or 220 persons last year, & 30 more this year. Whitehaven.

About 32 Males in Chh. of w^c. 24 for M^r. Edwds. Finally one Third, & Two Thirds Cong. . .

Deacon Sam^l. Ives ob. Nov^r. 25, 1726, Æ. 49.²

Deacon Sam^l. Todd ob. Dec^r. 23, 1741, Æ. 69.

Deacon Nath^l. Yale ob. Oct^r. about 1727.

Deacon Moses Blackslee.

Deacon Tho^s. Cooper chosen about 1738.

Deacon Isaiah Tuttle chosen 1741.

Moses Blackly, Son of the Deacon, ob. Nov. 28, 1726, Æ. 24 . . .

1768 Sep. 5. Set out with my Wife in Chaise. Ferries 6/ & 1/. Lodged at D^r. Torrey's; where M^r. Potter joynd us.

6. Dined Champ. 2/4. Lodged Westerly, Blivins 3/3.

7. This Morn^g. VIII parted with M^r. Potter. Dined Champ. in Stonington after rid^g. 12 Miles 4/2. N. Lond. Ferry 2/5.

8. Barber's 9^d. Horse Keeping &c. 3/. Rope Ferry 1/2. Mending &c. 10^d. Dined at ———. Arrived at Saybrook Ferry, but wind too high to cross it; so put up at Merrow's in Lyme. 9/9.

9. The Wind high &c.

10. Crossed Ferry 1/3. Dined at M^r. Devotion's. Arrived at M^r. Todd's, East Guilf^d.

11. Where kept Sabbath.

12. Left M^r. Todd's. 9^d. Arrived at New Haven, 8^d. Expences, 37/6. Have in hand 16. Doll.

14. Commencem^t. Yale College, about 120 Min.

18. Ldsday. Kept Sabb. at Milford with Rev^d. M^r. Whittelsey.

19. Rode to Fairfield and visited Rev. M^r. Hobart. Ferry . . 1/6 & 4^d. Visited at Hon. Judge Silliman's & lodged at his Son's 5/.

¹ Referring to the Call given to Rev. Jonathan Edwards, Jr., by the White Haven Society in New Haven.

² A list of Deacons in the North Haven Church.

20. Returned to New Haven.
21. Rode to North Haven.
23. To Carmel & found Sister Kezia sick.
25. Ldsday at North Haven & preached for M^r. Trumble & baptized Uri the Son of Jacob Brocket.
26. Rode to N. H. & back to M^r. Carmel: took Leave & returned to Town.
27. My Diploma¹ recorded in the Records of Yale College. Visited the Library.

RETURN.

28. Wells & Frothingham Books, 4/6. John, 1/4. Ferry 1/. Oats 7^d. Dinner 1/7. Lodgd D^r. Gale's in Killingworth.
29. Sayb. Ferry 1/3. Dined 2/. Lodgd. Rope ferry 3/.
30. At N. L. 3/7.
- Oct. 1. Tompson's 2/4. Champ. 3/.
3. Narr. Ferry 3/. Rh. I. Ferry &c. 4/.

Newport Nov. 2, 1768.

Rev. & hon^d. Sir,

—Last Sat^r. I had the melancholly Acc^o. of the Death of Sister Kezia Munson, Æt. 37½. Indeed when I saw her at Commenc^t. I expected not to see her again till, with us both, the Heavens shd. be no more. She had miscarried in the Spring—been dropsical all summer—when a violent Diarrhea reduced her Flesh & left the Muscles to Spasms & Fits, w^{ch}. after frequent Returns for 3 W. ended her Life Oct. 17. . . . She was her Father's Daughter, an Old Light to the Death, & had no Ministers around her but of a different Cast. Hence she s^d. little to them, or indeed to any of her friends on relig. Subjects; so that some doubted whether she tho't about them. But she unbosomed herself with all Freedom to me, & discovered herself full of Anxiety & Sollicitude about Etern^y & its concerns. I found the Balm of Consolation far more necessary than the Terrors of a broken Law. . . .

I spent yesterday Aft. with a learned Jew from *Venice*. He had visited Egypt, Constantinople, &c. & told me many curious Things. I am, D^r. Sir,

Your dutiful Nephew,

EZRA STILES.

Rev. Abel Stiles.

. . . My Library consists of above Four hundred Volumes, of which One hundred & Seventy seven I received of my Father Stiles & Grandfather Taylor's Libraries; and Two hundred & Thirty four

¹ Of D.D. from the University of Edinburgh, 1765.

I purchased & received as gratuities. I have had 92 Volumes since I settled in the Ministry 1755, chiefly bought with the Sale of £10 ster. worth of Law Books not here included. And of the 234 I had 36 Gratuities. I have 180 Pamphlets, of which 33 are single Magazines.

JUNE, 1769 . . DEACONS OF THE FIRST CHH. IN WALLINGFORD:

John Peck, ob. 29 June, 1768, Æt. 100, or Æt. 99.

Sam^l. Moss, ob. 30 July, 1765, Æt. 85, blind 19 y., a pious heavenly Man.

Jn^o. Hall, ob. 28 Apr. 1766, Æt. 86.

Present { Samuel Hall, chosen Aug. 14, 1760.
Benj^a. Atwater, chosen June 26, 1769.

MADAM CLAP'S DEATH.

Saturday Morn^g. VI^h. Sept. 23, 1769, died Æt. 66. M^{rs}. Mary Clap, Consort of Rev^d. President Clap dec^d. Monday IV¹/₂^h. P. M. the funeral procession began; the Corps *preceeded* by the rev^d. President Daggett & nine of the Ministers of this & the neighb^r Towns; after the Corps the Mourners, then the Women two & two, & last the Men, proceeding to the Brick Meetinghouse (the Rev^d. M^r. Whittelsey's): a Prayer by Presid^t. Dagget, a Sermon by Rev. Chauncy Whittelsey—After this the Corps carried to the Grave.

REMARKS.

1. She was carried to the Brick. This was owing to Col^o. Whiting her Son. Had Presid^t. Clap been living it would not have been so.

2. This I suppose the first Instance in New Haven & even in Connecticut if not New Engl^d, when dissenting Ministers walked before the Corps. The Presb. Ministers at N. York & Philad^a. practice so. President Dagget affects to resemble them. Col^o. Whiting a Crown Officer affects to resemble the Chh. of Engl^d. Customs. Concurrence. Rest Ministers taken in. . . .

First Chh. Pomfret . . Parish 120 Fam. Never had Lay Elders. Present Deacons:

Elected

Sam ^l . Sumner	} Jan ^y . 25, 1758
Jonathan Dresser	
David Williams	Oct. 4, 1759
Jn ^o . Holbrook	May 6, 1768.

No Ord. of Deacons. Deacons Sumner & Dresser not active. About 80 Communicants. Mostly baptized. Some baptists. Baptize 20 per ann.—practice the Cov^t. Ld's Supper once in two Months.

Rev^d. M^r. Messenger ord. 1st Chh. Ashford Feb. 1769. £200. Sett^l^{mt}. & £80. per ann. Sal^y.

SCOTLAND.

Not so named by Court, but Windh. 3^d Parish. Chh. gathered & Rev. Eben. Devotion ord. 22 Oct. 1735. Commun. 141 Males & Fem. 140 Fam.—Mostly baptized. Own Cov^t. . Read Script. in Cong. since April, 1763. Sacr^t. once in 2 m^o. except Winter, viz. March, May, July, Sep., Nov.—Sacr^t. Lect.—No Relations.—Tate & Brady since about 1761. When first settled, 70 Fam.

Ord. Council, Rev. Eben^r. Devotion of Suffield & Chh., Eleazar W^{ms}. of Mansfield & Chh., Rev. Tho^s. Clap of Windh. first Chh. who preached, Rev. Jn^o. Wadsworth of Cant. & Chh., Rev. M^r. Kirtland of Newint, Rev. M^r. Mosely of Wind. 2^d. Chh., Rev^d. M^r. Avery of Mortlake. M^r. W^{ms}. gave Charge. M^r. Mosely Fellowship.

Deacons:

Edw ^d . Waldo	} dead
Nath ^l . Bingham	
Josiah Kingsley	} present
Jn ^o . Cary	

Never Elders—No Confess. of Faith. M^r. Dev^o. says a few Words, &c. About 20 Bapt. per Ann. . . .

Windham first Chh. gathered Dec. 10, 1700. M^r. Samuel Whiting hav^s preached here some years before & had Children here, one of which he carried to Hartford to be baptized. . . . Rev. Tho^s.

Clap ord. August 3, 1726, when Commun. were 112 or 114 Males & about 142 Females. . . .

Rev^d. Stephen White ordained Dec^r. 24, 1740.

ORD ^s . COUNCIL		
	Elders	Messengers
Rev. Messrs.	Eleaz ^r . W ^{ms} . Mod ^r .	M ^r . Josiah Conant
	Joseph Meacham	M ^r . Experience Porter
	Sol ^o . W ^{ms} .	M ^r . Jos. Strong
	Sam ^l . Mosely	M ^r . Jn ^o . W ^{ms} .
	Eben ^r . Devotion, Scribe	M ^r . W ^m . Durkey
		M ^r . Nath ^l . Bingham

Dec^r. 1, 1735. M^r. Clap took a List of the Chh. who were Two Hundred & Eight Males & Females left after dismiss. of 90. From thence to Dec. 2, 1739, he admitted near Eighty Members.

From 1726 or dur^s his Ministry M^r. Clap Twenty seven ownd their Baptismal Cov^t.

No Chh. Records till M^r. Clap's Min^y. However he recovered & entered several Chh. Transactions.

"Windham, August 14, 1709. At a full Chh. Meet^s. Voted not to require a public Relation as Term of Communion of those who from their own Weakness or in point of Judg^t. do object against it."

"Windham, July 25, 1712. In a full Chh. Meet^s Voted That if the Bⁿ. do not make Objection in a fortnight against those that stand propounded for Commun., *That shall be their Consent*, and that no Vote shall be called for by Lifting up of hands, nor any to object. Except in extraord^y Cases."

"Windh. June 5, 1720. At a Chh. Meet^s was proposed, Whether we look upon all baptized persons, who live among us, to be proper subjects of Discipline so as to be called upon & required to make Satisfaction in case of Scandal, & to be censured by us in case they do obstinately refuse to make such a Confess. as the Rule requires. Voted in the Affirmative."

"At a Chh. Meet^s. Dec^r. 18, 1726. Voted to chuse Eleazar Cary, Joseph Huntington, Nathaniel Wales & Abel Bingham Deacons, with Joshua Ripley, John Fitch & Jonathan Crane, formerly chosen to be Representatives of the Brethren of this Chh., whom we recommend unto the Pastor to be called together upon all emergent Occasions for him to consult & advise with in his Drawing up his Determinations in ecclesiastical Affairs."

"At a Chh. Meet^s. Janry. 10, 1727/8. Resolved & Voted that all baptized persons have a Right to hear Confessions for public Scandals. And that no such Confess. shall be accepted unless they be made before the Congregation upon the Sabbath Day or upon some publick Meet^s. wherein all baptised persons have Warning & Notice to attend." . . .

AT A CHH. MEET^s. Nov^r. 13, 1728.

Whereas the Work and Business of the Pastor of a Chh. is very great & extensive & particularly the Enquiry into public Scandals & procuring Evidences thereof is laborious & burdensome if left to the Pastor alone; & whereas the Scripture informs us that God hath set some in the Chh. to be *Helps in Government*.

Resolved & Voted that it shall be the Work & Business of the *Representatives* of the Brethren of this Chh. & they are hereby desired with Diligence & Faithfulness to attend upon it. That when there is a public & common Report that any person belonging to this Congregation hath committed any public & scandalous Evil, to inquire into such Report & to bring Inform^s. & the Evidences thereof (if any be) unto the Pastor of the Chh. Provided that this be not understood to hinder the Pastor from taking Cognisance ex officio of any scandal that may otherwise clearly come to his Knowledge, nor to hinder any private Brother from bringing a Complaint whenever there may be occasion for it.

B^r. Ralph Wheelock & B^r. Sam^l. Manning were chosen Representatives of the Brethren of this Chh. to be added to the number of those formerly chosen.

"Oct. 29, 1729.

"Eleazar Cary, Joseph Huntington, Abel Bingham & Ralph Wheelock were ordained to the Office of Deacons. And the following Charge was given to them.

"Whereas you upon whom our Hands are now imposed have been chosen to the office of Deacons to serve Tables in this Chh. & having been examined & proved are found to be in a measure qualified for it, we therefore the Ministers of our Lord J. C. do in his name appoint you over this Business. And we do solemnly charge you before God to do & perform all the Work & Business of your Office with all good Integrity, Zeal & Fidelity & to do your utmost

Endeav^r. accord^d to the best of your Underst^d. & Prudence, that *all the Tables* which you are to serve, viz. *that of the Lord*, of the *Minister* and of *the poor*, be from Time to Time well supplied & maintained accord^d to the Rules of the Gospel. And in this Work & Business you should be always ready & will^d. to devote your Time & Talents to the Service of Christ & his Chh. so far as your Circumstances & Abilities will allow of it without its being a Hurt & Damage to you in your own particular Callings. In the doing of which you must be grave, not double tongued, not given to much Wine, not greedy of filthy Lucre, ruling your Children & your own houses well, & hold^d fast the Mystery of Faith with a pure Conscience. And in using the Office of a Deacon you are to be found blameless. And if you do thus well use the Office of a Deacon you will purchase to yourselves a good Degree and great Boldness in the Faith w^c. is in J. C. And as a glorious tho' unmerited Reward of all your Services you shall at last receive a Crown of Life that shall never fade away."

Extracted fr. Windham Chh. Records.

Quere. Who were the ordaining Ministers?

June 17, 1741. Nathaniel Wales was chosen Deacon but never ordained.

"AT A CHH. MEET^d. MARCH 24, 1748.

"The follow^d Vote was passed in the Affirmative, viz. It is the opinion of the Chh. that Children that are born after the Expiration of seven Months from the Marriage of their Parents either of w^c are Members of the Chh. should be admitted to Baptism."

April 7, 1748. This Vote was reversed & repealed.

July 28, 1748. Ebenezer Wales chosen Deacon.

June 20, 1754. Nathaniel Skiff & Joseph Huntington were chosen Deacons.

March 13, 1765. Jonathan Martin & Elijah Bingham chose &c. Deacon Eben^r. Wales removed, Deacon Skiff is dead.

Officiate without	{	Nath ^l . Wales
		Joseph Huntington, Æt. 81
Ordination		Jon ^a . Martin
		Elijah Bingham

The Representatives continued to act in assist^d. the Pastor a few Years after M^r. Clap's Removal, but soon grew into Desuetude.

In 1752 Rev^d. M^r. White resumed & persuaded the Chh. to chuse a number by name of Chh. Committee to assist in Discipline. But now this is also dropt. At present the Pastor & Chh. transact the little Discipline that is done.

Rev. Tho^s. Clap born June 26, 1703. Removed to Yale College 1739.

In Rev. M^r. Whiting's Day there was a Deacon Joseph Cary. M^r. Whit^s. died Sep. 27, 1725. Deacon Tho^s. Bingham died 1726, Father of Deacon Abel. And Deacon Jos. Hunt^s. Father of present Deacon Huntington.

BAPT. CHH. WINDHAM BY REV. THO^s. CLAP

A. D. 1726	18	1733	32
1727 Jan ^y	33	1734	47
1728	22	1735	38
1729	45	1736	32
1730	40	1737	31
1731	40	1738	29
1732	41	1739	26

REV. M^r. WHITE, SINCE 1760

1760	26	1765	23
1761	31	1766	30
1762	22	1767	14
1763	14	1768	24
1764	24		

Present Communicants, Males 68

Females 107

Total 175

A. D. 1736 M^r. Clap took a List of his Parish, 141 Families, 735 Souls. Inclusive a few Negroes & Indians, 8 or a dozen. . .

SEPARATE CHHS.

Scotland—M ^r . Jn ^o . Palmer, Teacher	Stonington
Canty.—No Teacher	Preston—M ^r . Parks
Plainfd.—M ^r . Miller	Colechester—B.—M ^r . Allen
Norwich—No Teacher	Enfield—M ^r . Collins
Mansfield—B.—M ^r . Reynolds	B.—M ^r . Meacham
Stafford—Bap.—No Teacher	Suffield—M ^r . Holly
Woodstock—B.—M ^r . Ledoit	Weathsf ^d . was Sep ^t . Chh.
Voluntown—No Teacher	now broken up

2^d. CHH., MANSFIELD

DEACONS

Cordial Storrs, chose about 1745
 Elnathan Brigham, 174[9?] died Spring 1758
 Edmund Freeman, A.M. } chose 1758
 Timothy Metcalf }

No Elders. Don't read Scriptures. Don't use Relations. Use Confess. Faith. Watts' Psalms begun 1764. Begin worship singing. Sac^t. once in 6 W. in Summers; omitted in Winter. Stand at singing begun 1769. 6 Helps Gov^t. or Chh. Committee. Confess. pub. Congreg^a.

Rev. Ch. Whittelsey has begun read^a. Script. in pub. Worship in N. H. first Chh.—in D^r. Coleman's manner.¹

CHH. OF GILEAD IN HEBRON.

Chh. gathered A. D. 1752, March. Reverend Elijah Lothrop ordained April 1, 1752.

Rev. Messrs. { Sam^l. Lockwood made first Prayer.
 Stephen White preached Sermon.
 Ephraim Little first Prayer in Ordin^a.
 Ashbel Woodbridge gave the Charge.
 Isaac Chalker last Prayer in Ordin^a.
 Benj^a. Pumroy right Hand Fellowship.

May 12, 1752, John Ellis } chosen Deacons; not ordained.
 Eben^r. Dewey }

June 29, 1759, Chh. Committee chosen, viz., Samuel Gilbert, Esq., Deacon John Ellis, Deacon Eben^r. Dewey, Lieu^t. Tho^a. Post, Eben^r. Wilcox, Zorobabel Rollo.

BAPTISMS YEARLY FROM 1st. APRIL, 1752, TO 1st. AP. 1753, &c.

By Apr. 1, 1753	26	1762	33
1754	18	1763	21
1755	19	1764	26
1756	25	1765	23
1757	21	1766	21
1758	27	1767	20
1759	24	1768	23
1760	27	1769	13
1761	20		

¹ See Turell's *Life of Rev. Benj. Colman*, p. 178.

MARRIAGES

By Apr., 1753	4 Couples	1762	8
1754	2	1763	7
1755	5	1764	4
1756	3	1765	9
1757	8	1766	3
1758	4	1767	5
1759	2	1768	6
1760	9	1769	3
1761	6		89

PARISH MADE ABOUT 1747. BURIALS SINCE 1749

From 1749 to 1761.....	78
1762 Janry....	17
1763	3
1764	5
1765	2
1766	1
1767	4
1768	3
1769	3

Admiss. to Commun. fr. 1752 to 1769, Fifty Persons. Total Commun. about One Hundred. Were 50 Male Members when M^r. Lothrop settled. Owned Cov^t. Sixty.

Don't read Scriptures. Watts' Psalms fr. begin^g. Begin Pub. Worship singing & sing 2 times foren. & 3 times aft. Commun. once in 2 m^o. except 3 Wint. M^o. No Relations. Propounded Fortnight both for Admiss. & own^g. Cov^t. Confess. pub. Cong. Some stand at singing. Read Psalm.

At M^r. Lothrop's Ord. Saybrook Platf. adopted with some Explan^a. similar to Hartf^d. East.

. . . Col. Benj. Hall tells me that by Advice of Assoc. a Woman Member of D^r. Dana's Chh. has lately been propounded to be admitted *de novo* into the Chh. of Cheshire. . . .

1732. Votes in N^o. Chh. B^o. divided between S. Mather & M^r. Byles: for M^r. Mather 69, M^r. Byles 40. 69 + 40 = 109 Male Members. This from M^r. Burt.

. . . Rev. Benj^a. Woodbridge of Amity¹ ord. Nov. 3, 1742,
by Rev^d. Sam^l. Whittelsey (preached)
Rev. Jacob Heminway
Rev. Jos. Noyes (Charge)
Rev. Sam^l. Hall, Chesh. (Prayer)
Rev. M^r. Whitt^r. Milford
Rev. M^r. Ruggles, Scribe (R^t. Hand)
Ex ore M^r. Woodbr. Nov., 1783, æt. 73. . .

Copies of Papers laid before the ecclesiastical Council assembled in Meriden, June 20, 1769, at the Call of the Chh. in Meriden, together with the Transactions of the Council.

Meriden, Nov. 2, 1767.

At a Society Meet^g. holden by adjournm^t. it was proposed whether this Society will proceed to invite M^r. Jn^o. Hubbard to settle in the Work of the Gospel Ministry as Pastor of this Chh. & Society. Voted in the Affirmative.

Voted that M^r. James Scovel, M^r. Sam^l. Hough, M^r. Sam^l. Leavit, D^r. Eben^r. Cows, Cap^t. Jn^o. Webb, Lieu^t. Josiah Robinson, M^r. Tho^s. Berry, Aaron Lyman, Esq., & M^r. Jon^s. Collins be a Committee to wait on s^d. M^r. Hubbard & request his Acceptance of s^d. Invitation & confer with him on the Terms & Proposals in order to his Settlem^t. in the Gospel Min^y. among us & report make to the next Society Meet^g. Voted to adjourn this Meet^g. to the 22^d Ins^t. at 2 o'clock afternoon.

A true Copy. Test, BENJ^a. RICE, Clerk.

Meriden, June 22, 1769

Respected Gentlemen,

We are informed that you have entered in your Records *that the Minor Part refused to comply with the Method which was proposed & discoursed of, when we were with you in a free & friendly Conference yesterday, viz. that we should be present & examine M^r. Hubbard, & in Case we were satisfied with his Soundness in the Faith, the Minor Part should be moved to concur in the Settlement.*

You know, Gentlemen, we were so sensible of Difficulties in the Way, that some of us expressed Desperation in Respect to the good Issue of such an Attempt. And tho' we had it under Consideration when we left you, yet when we came to converse together upon it, we saw that there were the same Objections in all our Minds: one of which was, that suppose we found M^r. Hubbard unsound, we were far from supposing that either the Council or major part would be willing to be determined by our Sentiments in that point, or that ever they would submit it in that Shape, if in any at all.

¹ Now Woodbridge, New Haven County, Connecticut.

However without mentioning any of the Difficulties we had in view, we proposed the Scheme to the people, & also another at the same Time, which was likewise discoursed of in your Council. We soon found that the same Objection would labour with the people; and it could not be otherwise expected, unless they first see a Disposition in their Brethren to put the matter on that Issue so as to be determined by it. And as they well liked the other Proposal, which has now been refused on the other side, they never went into a consideration, in a general Way amongst themselves, whether they would come into it or not; nor did we ever urge it upon them. And if you took it, *that there were ever any formal Consideration and Refusal of the Proposal*, it is a Mistake. We looked on the Thing impracticable, & *therefore desired Mr. Woodbridge to inform you of it*; and the Minor Part hoped that if the Proposal sent in by them was not concurred in, the major part would have sent them some other.

Your Brethren & Wellwishers.

JOHN TRUMBULL
MARK LEAVENWORTH
BENJ^a. WOODBRIDGE

P. S. If you have entered any Thing in your Records inconsistent with this plain Representation, we hope you will be so just as to rectify it.

To the Rev. Mr. Breck, Moderator of Council, &c., at Meriden, to be communicated.

LIST OF THE CHH.

Deacons Eben ^r . Cowl	Sam ^l . Galpin	Abel Austin
Benj ^a . Rice	Comfort Butler	Sam ^l . Leavitt
—	Josiah Robinson	Tho ^a . Berry, jun.
John Yale	Tim ^o . Foster, jun.	Bezaleel Ives
Benj ^a . Whiting	Caleb Merriman	Sam ^l . Whiting
Nath ^l . Meriam	W ^m . Miriam	Sam ^l . Hall
Aaron Lyman	Nath ^l . Miriam, jun.	Theo. Hall
Jn ^o . Webb	Benj ^a . Miriam	Nash Yale
Tho ^a . Berry	Joseph Miriam	Benj ^a . Curtiss
Jn ^o . Miriam	Ephraim Rice	Jn ^o . Livingston
Sam ^l . Andruss	Steph. Atwater	Jn ^o . Coach
Sam ^l . Hough	Sam ^l . Johnson	Jn ^o . Hough
Phineas Hough	Ezra Rice	James Hough
Ephraim Hough	Allen Rice	Sam ^l . Mitchel
Titus Merriman	Joseph Cows	James Coburn
Daniel McKey	Moses Hall	Moses Lyman 47

The foregoing is the Major Part. The Minor Part is as follows:

Abel Hawley	Gideon Ives	James Scovil
Eben ^r . Prindle	John Ives	Amos Camp
Abel Yale	Jon ^a . Collins	Moses Mitchel
Elijah Goodrich	Nath ^l . Penfield	Divan Berry

Sam^l. Penfield
Isaac Hall
Dan^l. Baldwin
Noah Yale
James Scovil, jun.

Nathan Scovil
Stephen Perkins
Yale Bishop
Brenton Hall
Elijah Scovil

Reynold Beckwith
John Berry
John Yale, Jun. 25

NEUTER

Daniel Hoult

This List was given in to y^e Council by the Committee of the major part, the Committee of the minor part being present; and, after two corrections, both Committees agreed in this List.

Meriden, June 20, 1769.

We the subscribers are conscientiously bound to enter our Protest against M^r. John Hubbard being ordained over the Chh. & Society in sd. Meriden: & therefore set our Names as follows:

Isaac Hall
Elisha Scofel
Abel Hawley
Amos Camp
Amos Camp, jun.
Jn^o. Hall
Eben^r. Prindle
Phineas Hall
Jared Tharp
John Yale, jun.
Amasa Ives
Moses Hall, jun.
Dan^l. Baldwin, jun.
Dan^l. Baldwin
Israel Hall
Ambrose Ives
Tho^s. Mix, jun.
Jn^o. Morgan

Enos Hall
Abel Yale
James Scofel, jun.
Benj^a. Rexford
Dan Collins
Nathan Scofel
Aaron Dunbar
Jonathan Collins
James Scofel
Nath^l. Penfield
Elisha Goodrich
Edw^d. Collins
Reynold Beckwith
Gideon Ives
Yale Bishop
Moses Mitchel
John Ives
Noah Yale

Elnathan Ives
Sam^l. Scofel
Steph. Perkins
Brenton Hall
Tim^o. Ives
Elisha Goodrich, jun.
Levi Yale
Divan Berry
Sam^l. Penfield
Peter Penfield
Jedidiah Goodrich
Jn^o. Berry
Elijah Scofel
Jon^a. Yale
Benj^a. Ford
Dan^l. Hall 52

To the Rev^d. Council called to ordain M^r. Jn^o. Hubbard:

We the Committee of the minor part of the Chh. & Society of Meriden in behalf of ourselves & our aggrieved Brethren do find ourselves constrained in conscience to make our solemn Protest against M^r. Jn^o. Hubbard's Ordination for the following Reasons:

1. Because there is now before our Rev^d. Association sundry Articles of Complaint against M^r. Jn^o. Hubb^d. for bad Conduct & corrupt Doctrine, all of which we are able to prove before the Board where he ought to be tried, & for which his License to preach was taken from him, which disqualified him as a Preacher, and in December, 1767, the Consociation of this Circuit

met at Meriden, & approved the Doings of the Association relative to Mr. Hubb^d. And it can't be reasonable that he shd. be ordained while these Objections remain against him.

2. We are aggrieved with the Proceedings of the Chh. & Society in their calling & endeavoring to settle Mr. Hubbard without taking any Advice of our Rev^d. Ministers, and proceeding against so large a number of aggrieved Brethren, & the frequent Remonstrances against their proceeding, with many Proposals for the accomodating & healing the Difficulties. And the Chh. in special in departing from the Found^a. on which this Chh. was first settled, & voting out our Ecclesiastical Constitution, which we highly value, upon a false & mistaken Footing, these Things we laid before the Rev^d. Council who met Dec. 29, 1767, to ordain Mr. Hubb^d, & they in their Result say consid^r the broken & divided State of the Chh. & Society & other unhappy Circumstances, we don't see our way clear to proceed to his Ordin^a. at present; now the Division is much the same & the Circumstances not altered for the better.

3. We are aggrieved with the proceed^s of the Chh. of late in admitting of several Members into full Communion in this manner, calling the Rev. Mr. Dana, who is under the just Sentence of a venerable Council, & he admitted the aboves^d. Members without taking the Voice of the Chh., either by a manual or silential Vote, and also his administering the Sacrament more than once, all which is contrary to the Liberties of the Chh.

4. The State of this Society has been laid before the General Assembly of this Colony; and they have sent a Committee to look into our State & they have made a Report to the Assembly in May last which we are ready to lay before you with the Doing of the Assembly thereon, and the Decision of the Matter is laid over to October next. And it must be acting in Defiance of the highest Authority in the Government, for a Council to procede to ordain Mr. Hubbard while the Matter lays before that honorable Board. And we would further add, that it appears to us very unseasonable & contrary to the Practice of Communities that any who have been called and have given their Judgment in a Cause, should be called the second Time to act in the same case, which is the Case of several Members of this Council, & therefore must pray that they might be set aside. And it seems to be an unpresidented Method to obtain an Ordination Council, to send to different Governments, to desire the Assistance of Chhs., when the Matter could be better known & judged by neighbouring Chhs. These are some of the many Grievances we would lay before you, & hope you will give them a due Consideration, & if you need any further Evidence to the facts mentioned, we will produce them.

ISAAC HALL
GIDEON IVES
YALE BISHOP

To the Rev. Elders & Delegates now assembled in Council at Meriden:

Rev. & beloved, we have taken into consider^a. the motion made by the Rev^d. Mod^r. of the Council, relative to referr^s the unhappy Dispute now sub-sist^s among the pple. in Meriden to an Eccl. Council mutually chosen, beg

leave to say, that we can by no means consent to refer the Matter to any other Council, for the following Reasons:

1. We beg Leave to inform that we have heretofore made every Offer to our disaffected Brethren that appeared to us reasonable & consistent with the Rules of the Gospel, and to no purpose.

2. It so happens that these unhappy Disputes has affected more or less all the Rev^d. Ministers in this Colony who have already given their opinion one side or the other, and those Reverend Gentlemen that appear before you as the Assoc. Committee, in their Pleas & Allegation before you urged as one Reason ag^t. your proced^s that Ministers of a neighbor^s Government had no Right to intermeddle in the Dispute.

3. We conceive that if a Council should come & advise to the Settlem^t. of M^r. Hubb^d., that our aggrieved Brethren would by no means be easy, for we beg Leave to say that this unhappy Dispute has not subsisted for only a month or a year but for many years before the Death of our late Rev. Pastor—and shd. we be so unhappy as to have a Council advise M^r. Hubbard not to settle with us, we are confident we never shall be so well united, but fear we shall be more divided into parties, & our unhappy Dispute will terminate in the great Increase of the *Church of England*.

Upon the whole suffer us most humbly & earnestly to intreat you to proceed in the ordin^a. We conceive that every Proposal from the Committee of the Assoc. is designed to disappoint our most ardent Wishes.

We are, Gent.

Your most humble Serv^{ts}.

EBENEZER COWLES	} in behalf of themselves & the rest of the Committee
AARON LYMAN	
JN ^o . WEBB	

A true copy of the 12 last pages.

Test, JAMES DANA, Scribe.

The Mem. on next page concern^s. Ordainers of Whitt^r, Noyes & my Father, made from Rev. Chauncy Whitt^r. accord^s to his understand^s & Tradit. & supposit.—“certainly” is what he heard his Father &c. say, rest uncertain.

M^r. WHITTELSEY ORD. WALLINGFORD.

M^r. Pierpont of N. Haven, M^r. Russel of Branf^d., M^r. Ruggles Guilf^d., M^r. Andrew Milf^d, M^r. Street, M^r. Moss Derby certainly; M^r. Hart of E. Guilf^d., M^r. Woodbridge Hartf^d. Quere ult.

M^r. NOYES ORD. 1715 OR 1716.

M^r. Noyes Stonington, M^r. Russel of Branf^d, M^r. Moss Darby, (M^r. Ruggles Guilf^d, M^r. Whitt^r. Wallingf^d) M^r. Andrew Milf^d. Quere Ruggles & Whitt^r.

M^r. STILES ORD. N^o. HAVEN 1724.

M^r. Whitt^r. & M^r. Noyes certainly; M^r. Russel & M^r. Moss & M^r. Hemingway undoubtedly, & M^r. Ruggles Guilf^d, Senior. Rev. Chauncy Whitt^r. says he has heard M^r. Noyes & his Father say they assisted in my Father's Ordin^a.

Rev^d. Tho^s. Ruggles jun. ord. Successor to his Father, 1729, March 26.

Ord. Council. Rev. Sam^l. Russel, Branf^d, Rev. Jacob Hemingway, Jos. Noyes, Joseph Moss, Isaac Stiles, Sam^l. Whitt^r, Wallingf^d, Nath^l. Chauncy, Jon^a. Merick, Jn^o. Hart, Sam^l. Russel, jun., Cohabit.

Russel Charge, Whitt^r preached, Russel, jun., Fellowship.

From M^r. Ruggles' Mouth.

Rev. M^r. Todd ordained Oct., 1733, ex ore suo, by Rev. M^r. Hemingway, M^r. Noyes, M^r. Stiles, M^r. Russel, Cohabit, M^r. Merick, Dr. Eliot. Merick first Prayer, Noyes preached, Russel Fellowship, Hemingway Charge & prayd, Stiles last Prayer.

Rev^d. M^r. Ely of N^o. Bristol¹ and Rev. M^r. Fowler of 1st. Chh. Guilf^d. ord. at same time by same Council & both in Meetth. of Old Guilf^d., M^r. Ruggles laying one hand on Ely & tother on Fowler at same Time, rest of Ministers some on one &c. The Charge one; Fellowship two. Ord. June 10, 1757.

North Bristol Chh. same year, 1757, March or April, gathered. Sing. N. E. Versⁿ. of Watts. Don't read Scriptures. Own Cov^t. Admit by manual Vote. Chh. on Sayb. Platform by Vote at Gathering. Commun. first Sabb. every M^o. Relations at Liberty.

Deacons, Tho^s. French chose 1757, emeritus

David Dudley D^o. 1758.

Caleb Monger d^o. 1762.

50 Fam. or 45 in Parish. Ten or doz. Men at Gath^e., now twenty—more Women. Between 40 & 50 Commun. But two Child. unbaptized.

¹ Now North Madison.

CHH. SAYBROOK.

Rev. W^m. Hart ord. 17 Nov., 1736. Ordin^a. performed by the Rev^d. Messrs. "Eliph. Adams of N. Lond. who gave the Charge & made the Prayer before it; Jared Eliot of Killingw. who preached the Sermon from the first Epist. to Tim., ch. 4, v. 12; Stephen Hosmer of East Haddam who made the Prayer after the Charge; W^m. Worthington of Saybrook West Parish who gave the Right Hand of Fellowship; Abm. Nott of Saybrook N^o Parish who only acted in Council & not in publick."

EXTRACT CHH. RECORDS.

. . . At M^r. Hart's Ord. Chh. consisted of sixteen Males of which 4 were occasional but constant Commun., thirty-nine Females. 55 Total Chh., of w^c. 5 liv^g. 1769. Society about 120 Fam. now; not much increased since 1736.

Vote for read^g. Script.—not constantly read, but occasionally practiced. No Relation now—used till about — years ago, then by Vote left at Lib^r., Aug. 10, 1743. Sing old Version one part day, & Watts other part. Watts begun about 1756. Lds. Supper once in six Weeks all the Year. Formerly once in two or three Months. Chh. not adopted the Saybrook Platform by Vote; yet occasionally send Delegates to Consociation, in the few Instances when it has been assembled. Have Sacr^t. Lect. Fryday. Don't now ord. Deacons; formerly ord., but M^r. Mather broke it off.

E. GUILFD. CHH.

Rev. Jn^o. Hart ord. by Rev. Tho^s. Buckingham of Saybrook, Rev. M^r. Ruggles, &c. One reason of M^r. Hart's Scrupling Validity of his Ordin^a., 1722, was that M^r. Buck^m. assisted & he had lay Ord. tho' under Inspect. & Approb^a. of Pastors of neighb^g. Chhs.

Above Acc^o. rec^d. fr. Rev^d. W^m. Hart, Son of John.

May 15, 1769. Died Deacon John Edwards of the N^o. Chh. Hartford. . . .

CHH. STONINGTON.

Gathered about 1660, Rev. James Noyes first Pastor—here several Years before Chh. gath^d.—died about 1720, Æt. above 80, in Min⁷. above 60 years, reckon^g. from first preach^g there, not fr. ord.

About 1724 Rev. Eben^r. Rosseter ord. Before this & after M^r. Noyes' Death made two Parishes, viz. N^o. & S^o.—Rev. M^r. Eben^r. Russel (Son of Branfd.) ord. in N^o. Parish about 1726, died in about 4 years. Then M^r. Fish ord. in N^o. Parish Dec., 1732.

S^o. Parish divided 1730. M^r. Rosseter find^s major part males of Chh. in W. part fixt there, remov^s his fam^r. East Parish gathered Chh. anew about two m^o. before M^r. Elles¹ ord. M^r. Rosseter's part not regathered. Rev. M^r. Elles ord. June 14, 1733.

Ex Ore M^r. Elles.

N. Lond. Consoc. formerly dismissed M^r. Parsons of Lyme against Will of his Chh.

Ex Ore M^r. Elles.

Dr. Whitaker dismissed Friday, 24 June, 1769, by the Consoc. of the East District in the Co. of New London, but without & contrary to the Consent of the Chh. of Chelsca. Present, I think, Rev. Mr. Eells, Fish, Wight, Johnson of Groton, Ives. . .

M^r. Nath^l. Elles ord. Stonington by Rev. M^r. Adams, N. Lond., M^r. Elles, Scit., preached & Charge, Mr. Lord, Norwich, Fellowship, &c. Mr. Elles, Ston., ord. that day 29 years after his Father's Ordin^a. at Scituate.

Rev. M^r. Fish ord. Dec. 27, 1732, by

Rev. ²Salmon Treat, Charge

²Benj^a. Lord, Norwich

²Dan^l. Lewis, Pembroke, Mass., preached & Fellowship

Jn^o. Owen, Groton

Hez. Lord, Preston

Dan^l. Kirtland, Newint. . . .

WHERE FIRST CHH. REMAINS—DOUBTFUL INSTANCES.

Hartford—About 1670 had 2 Ministers, Colleagues, M^r. Haynes and M^r. Whiting. The Chh. divided, tho' I believe not by Vote, and M^r. Whiting & his Party built a new Meetgh. near the other, but know not whether Chh. gathered anew.

¹ Nathaniel Eells, Harvard 1728.

² Laid on hands.

Barnstable—M^r. Russel was Minister: in 1725 the Town divided into East & West Parishes. The Meetgh. & M^r. Russel's Habitation fell in the old East Parish. He had his Option—most of his Friends lay in the West—he removed & settled in the West. I take it the Chh. was divided by Vote of itself: then M^r. Russel continued to take the pastoral Care of the West Branch of his chh., now a distinct Chh. And May 12, 1725, M^r. Green was ord. Pastor of the East Branch, which at the same time was regathered into a distinct Chh., & continued to assemble in the old Meetinghouse, the place of Worship of the Chh. of Barnstable for above Eighty years before. M^r. Russel carried the Chh. Records with him to the West Chh. M^r. Green married M^r. Russel's Sister—& both the Pastors & Chhs. were happily united in Love, tho' the people had been at variance for a dozen years before. Quere, Whose is the first Chh. of Barnstable?

Salem. In 1718 a Second Chh. gathered. In 1735 M^r. Fisk, Pastor of first Chh. was dismissed; but a body adhering to him & call^d. themselves the first Chh., he was installed Pastor again by Rev^d. M^r. Barnard &c. The Deacon that kept the old Plate &c. adhered to M^r. Fisk & bro't. the Commun. Furniture to this Body. [Afterwards inserted: Afterwds this Deacon went to the other body & carried the plate &c. there.] Finally, about 1760, agreed and divided the Chh. Stock between these two Branches of the first Chh.

Sudbury. In 1725 Chh. by own Vote divided—as the Precinct was by Act of Assembly divided into East & West. M^r. Loring the Minister had his option—most of his Friends lay in West. He left his Meetingh. & Habit^s. & went over to the West. Was not installed; but he led his Branch to a Renew^d. of their Cov^t. publickly, in same manner as if a Chh. be gathered. This seems a New Gathering. What they did at the East Chh. I don't know.

Woodstock. After a dozen years' Controversy, the Assembly divided the old Parish into two. But before this a new Chh., being the third in the Town, was gathered by Cov^t. The Congreg^s. assembl^d. with this new or 2^d. Chh. became larger than that assembl^d. with the original first Chh. The new Chh. had not built a Meetgh.

. . My Sentiments about Separations of the present day in these parts. To be communicated to the publick.

I believe that some Separations, if they had been conducted in a regular manner, might be justified. But the Separations in general are not justifiable, especially in the manner of them, as they have been attended with many spurious Notions which excited in them a Party Spirit as well as many irregular practices. And notwithstanding I have borne a publick Testimony against their rash & uncharitable Dispositions & Conduct, yet I am fully sensible that I have in several Instances countenanced & encouraged them in their precipitant way & manner of Separating, the which I ought not to have done; for which I desire Heaven's Pardon & Forgiveness, & the Forgiveness of all God's people whom I have offended, & desire their Prayers that I might have Wisdom & Grace to conduct so that I may in all things approve myself a Servant of Christ, & give none Occasion that the Ministry be not blamed. And it is my Desire to unite with the regular Ministers & Churches of Christ in every Thing wherein we are agreed; & to forbear one another in Love in circumstantial Matters, wherein we cannot be perfectly united. Dated at Plainfield the 2^d Day of Febry., A. D. 1769.

JOHN FULLER.

A true Copy. Test, Eden Burroughs, Scribe of the Council

Copied May 18, 1769.

HISTORY OF PLAINFIELD IN CONNECTICUTT.

The first Chh. was gathered about 1700 and Rev. M^r. Coit ordained first Pastor, who continued such to his Death. He was an opposer, and a Separation began about 1744 or 1745. Just before M^r. Coit's Death Rev. M^r. Rowland was ordained his Colleague, I think 1746. Hereupon several others went over to the Separates who about this Time, as I take it, had an unlearned Minister ordained over them by the M^r. Pains &c. of the Separate Order. The Separates became such a Plurality that the Town refused to pay M^r. Rowl^d's Salary without suing, & he left them about 1760. From this Time most of them attended the Separate Minister, M^r. Alex^r. Miller, in another Meetinghouse. The old party however continued to hire Ministers & occasional preaching; but most of the people had a Tincture.

The forming of a new Chh. gave rise to a coalescence & reestablish^d. of the old Chh. with some of the Sep. Chh.—M^r. Jn^o. Fuller, a gifted Man but not of liberal Education, had been for some years Min. of the Sep. Chh. in Norwich, & at length left it, & became desirous of joyning the old chhs. The people at Plainfield liked his preaching, and proposed settling him in M^r. Coit's Meet^h., set about a Subscription for Salary, and comprehended about 80 Families. In this Number was Eleven Males Communicants in these Circumstances, viz. they, viz. six, left or separated formerly from the old Chh., attended with the Sep. but never partook with them; ceasing, however, long ago to partake with the old chh. M^r. Rowl^d. about the Time of his Settling led them to sign the Cov^t. with a Declar^a. that such only shd. be deemed of the Chh. as thus signed. A number did not sign who were not however of the Sep. Chh. But upon M^r. Rowland's Settlem^t. they usually attended with the Separates & always opposed M^r. Rowl^d. . . Six of these were surviving 1768. Three Men had been admitted Members of the Sep. Chh. & for some reason now appeared to embody; besides these two others of neither Chh. Deacon Cary of M^r. Snow's Chh. in Provid. lately removed to Plainfield was one.

In Dec. or latter End of the year 1768 these Eleven appeared to embody anew, & gathered a Chh. by the Name of a Congreg^a. Chh., signing a Chh. Cov^t. & Confession. They then called M^r. Fuller to be Pastor, and issued out Letters missive to the regular Chhs. & Pastors to assist in Ordination. For tho M^r. Fuller had been ordained at Norwich in the Way of the Separates, yet he consented to have that accounted so far a Nullity as to be ordained by the regular Ministers.

There remained Nine Male Members of the old Chh. still embodied & undissolved. So there were now two embodied Churches in Town besides M^r. Miller's Separate Chh. But I suppose the new Chh. had the Majority of the Society, it is said Two Thirds. The old or first Chh. called a Council at same Time to advise on the Question of Union. Who came, viz.

Rev. Benj^a. Lord of Norwich with one Messenger.

Rev. M^r. Mosely of Kennedy¹ with one Mess.

Rev. M^r. Cogswell of Canterb^y. with one Mess.

Rev. M^r. Putnam of Pomfret 1st. chh. with one Mess.

¹ Samuel Mosely (Harvard 1729), pastor of the church in Canada Society, now Hampton, Connecticut.

Rev. M^r. Devotion did not attend nor Mess.

The new Chh. sent for the following Council, viz. the following Chhs. who met by their Pastors & 2 Messengers each:

Rev. M^r. Hall of Sutton 1st Chh. & 2 Messengers.

Rev. M^r. Webb of Uxbridge & 2 Mess.

Rev. M^r. Fish of Upton & 2 Mess.

Rev. Eden Burroughs of Killingly 3^d. Chh. & 2 Mess.

Rev. Levi Hart of 2^d Chh. Preston & 2 Mess., viz.

Capt. Daniel Morgan, Capt. Stephen Johnson.

The two Councils met in Plainfield Feby. 2, 1769: & opened & held several Conferences; & sundry Proposals &c. At length the Council on the part of the old Chh. advised the old Chh. to unite with the new & become one, & that M^r. Fuller be ordained Pastor, if found qualified: and then dissolved and returned home. The two Chhs. came together & united & coalesced into one, and chose M^r. Fuller Pastor; who the next day, viz. Feb. 3, 1769, made the preced^t. Declaration publickly & was then ordained by the Laying on of the hands of the Rev. Messrs. Hall, Webb, Fish, Burroughs, Hart.

One Deacon of the old Chh. still survived; and M^r. Cary had been Deacon of Providence Chh. This united Chh. have had the Lds. Supper twice at least since M^r. Fuller's Ordin^a. The old Deacon provided the Elements & both Deacons officiated & will probably be established in Office. And it is said this Congreg^a. now comprehends Two Thirds of the Town—the Separates being but about thirty families.

I asked whether this present Chh. was built upon M^r. Coit's Chh., or that built upon the new Chh. M^r. Hart replied that was kept a little out of sight; but his opinion appeared to be that the old was dissolved & received into the new, as no old Chh. Cov^t. or records of the old Chh. were produced. But there was no vote of Dissolution. It was a mutual Embracing of two different Chhs., & a voluntary Junction into one. This is the only Idea upon which the coalescence can subsist.

M^r. Fuller's Congreg^a. had the Meetinghouse, the Minority had the first Chh. undissolved.

In 1744 the Majority of the first Chh. of Canterb^y became new lighted; a Minority of the Chh. & Maj^y of Society gave a Call to M^r. Cogswell, who was ord. Pastor, the said Minority having first

declared themselves the Standing Chh. The Maj^r. of the Chh. with Minority of Society withdrew, built a new Meetgh. & became or are to this day called the Separate Chh. M^r. Fuller's Case in Plainf^d. 1769 was in effect the same as M^r. Cogswell's at Canterbury 1744; with this difference only that Old & New were reversed.

Canterbury & Plainfield are adjoining, & much of the same religious Complexion.

A. D. 1755 OR JANRY. 1756

Plainfield contained	1151 Souls Whites & 49 Negroes
Canterbury " 1240 " " 20 "	

A. D. 1762

Plainfield " 1338 " " 50 "	
Canterbury " 1740 " " 29 "	

Now for Plainfield: 1338 Souls imply near 300 Families, but at least 250. How are these divided? M^r. Hart estimates M^r. Fuller's 80 Fam. before the Union. There are some of no Denomination. I judge before the Union, the State nearly thus:

Old Chh. & Society	70 Fam.
New Chh. & Society	80
Sep. Chh. & Society	50
Neutrals	40
	240

. . *Stonington* Communicants of all Sects not above 250 or 300, & yet 3,337 Souls Whites imply 1,700 Adults. Suppose 400 Commun., yet this not one Quarter of Adults.

Groton Commun., Episc. 40, Dissenters 200—suppose 250. This leaves above a thous^d. adults.

New London may have 50 Fam. Bapt., 50 Episc. & two Cong. Chhs. of 140 Commun. each. Suppose 400 Total Commun., out of 2,400 Adults—One sixth.

Norwich first Society, in 50 y. fr. 1717 to 1767 were admitted 330 full Commun., of w^c. 124 died; 410 owned the Cov^t., of w^c. 90 afterw^{ds} joyned in full Commun. In 1717 were 26 Males & as many fam., so 50. Bapt. 2,050. Deaths 1,000. About half the T^o. or 1,600 Souls belonged to this Parish till within, &c. Perhaps M^r. Lord's Cong. 300 Fam., the State of w^c. 1767 might be 200 Commun. & so many owned the Cov^t. that most of the Children baptized. But in the N. E. part they are of the complexion of Preston.

Whatever be the reason, the eastern part of Connecticut . . are of a very mixt & uncertain character as to religion. Exhorters, Itinerants, Separate Meetings rose in that part.

In Preston are 2 Chhs.: one has but 60 Commun. male & female. If the other has no more, there are but 120 for above 2,000 Inhabitants. The adults are one half. Hence of the adults 120 in the Chh., & 900 not in Chh. What can this be owing to? I think there is no Separate Meeting there—& but 30 Fam. Episc^o., Bapt., Sep. in one Parish, where are above 150 Fam. Congreg^a. .

Plainfield Sep. Chh. may have 50 Commun. M^r. Fuller's at Union 1769 had 20 Males & as many females. Suppose 100 for whole Town, w^c consisted of 1,338 Souls A. D. 1762. So 100 Commun., & above 500 adults non commun in this Town.

Lyme has 2,477 Souls. The 3 Cong. Chhs. there do not contain above 220 or 250 Male & fem. or thereabouts. So 250 Comm. & 1,000 non Comm. Indeed here are two small Bapt. Chhs., of a doz. or fifteen Fam. one, & perh. 30 the other. Hadlyme also takes part, & there is a Sep. meet^g. of perh. 30 Comm. Estimate Tot. Commun. of all Denom. 350. There still remain above 900 Adults of no Communion.

PRESTON, SECOND CHH.¹

Gathered Nov. 20, 1720, about 15 Males & as many fem. Same day Rev. Hez. Lord ord. by Rev. M^r. Coit of Plainfield, M^r. Noyes, Stonington, &c. M^r. Lord died June 21 or 23, 1761, Æ. 64.

Rev. Levi Hart, Æt. 25, ordained Successor Nov. 4, 1762, by Rev. M^r. Benj. Lord & Jabez Wight of Norw., Mess^{rs}. Eells & Fish of Stonington, Barber of Groton, Powers & Whitaker of Norw. All laid on hands but M^r. Powers & Whitaker. M^r. Lord preached & gave the Charge, M^r. Fish gave right hand.

N^o. of Communicants now about sixty. Yet Families in Parish about 200; of w^c. 18 Episc^o., 5 Bapt., 7 Separates, others doubtful—150 steady. In 1762 Preston contained 2,042 Souls Whites in both Parishes. One half or 1,000 Souls = 200 Fam. Suppose first Chh. no more Communicants, then but 120 Commun. out of 2,000 Souls: this not above one Ninth or Tenth of the Adults.

M^r. Lord used the Covenant & most supposed to be baptized in his day. M^r. Hart don't receive new ones to Cov^t. unless also to

¹ Now Griswold.

Lord's Supper—but baptized Children of those before in Cov^t. tho' not coming to the Table.

Sing Watts—introduced partly by M^r. Lord, chiefly in Interval after his Death. M^r. Hart uses no other Version. Read Script. in Summer. Commun. first Sabb. Janry., March, May, &c., i. e., first Sabb. in every other Month. Never bapt. by Immersion.

EMINENT MINISTERS IN CONNECTICUT, 1769

ÆT. 40 & SUPRA

¹ Rev. James Lockwood, ² weath ^d .	¹ Solomon Williams
Presid ^t . Daggett	D ^r . Wheelock
Warham Williams	R ^d . Salter
Dan ^l . Humphrey	¹ D ^r . Bellamy
Benj ^a . Lord	¹ Dan ^l . Brinsmade
Benj. Throop	—— Canfield
D ^r . Whitaker	Samuel Lockwood
¹ NOAH HOBART	Benj ^a . Woodbridge
¹ Eben ^r . Devotion	Job Prudden
Tho. Ruggles	Steph. White
Jon ^a . Todd	Nat. Eells
Sam ^l . Hall	¹ W ^m . Hart
M ^r . Fish	¹ Noah Welles

UNDER 40 ÆT.

¹ Rev. John Smally	Abel Newel
¹ John Bliss	Nat. Hooker
Theod. Hinsdale	Elizur Goodrich
Enoch Huntington	Cotton Smith
Benj ^a . Trumble	——
Jon ^a . Edwards	M ^r . Cogswell
Jos. Huntington	

E. Judicio D. Austin,³ 20 July, 1769.

ORDIN^a. IN WHICH D^r. BELLAMY ASSISTED

IN LITCHFIELD COUNTY

Nath ^l . Roberts, Torrington	Ammi R. Robbins, Norfolk
Tho ^a . Canfield, Roxbury	Noah Benedict, Woodbury
Reuben Judd, Judea	Benj ^a . Wildman, Southbury
Judah Champion, Litchfield	Noah Wadhams, New Preston
Abel Newel, Goshen	Jer ^h . Day, New Preston
Hez ^h . Gold, Cornwall	Jehu Miner, South Britain

¹ Marked by the author as of special distinction.

² Wethersfield.

³ Punderson Austin (Yale Coll. 1762).

Asahel Hart, Canaan
John Searl, Sharon
——— Benedict, Middlefield

IN NEW HAVEN COUNTY
Sam^l. Bird, New Haven
Jon^a. Edwards, New Haven
James Sprout, Guilford

IN FAIRFIELD COUNTY
David Judson, Newtown
Lyman Hall, Stratfield
James Beebee, North Stratford

IN NEW YORK PROVINCE
John Smith, Rye

May 21, 1771. Rec^d. from D^r. Bellamy.

June 12, 1770. . . M^r. Elisha May of Bristol, Delegate &c. 1755,
at my Ordin^a. . . .

Feb. 11, 1688/9, New Bristol contained Seventy One Families,
Four hundred & twenty three Souls, of w^c. 57 Servants.

June 12, 1695, Rev^d. Jn^o. Sparhawk ordained, ob. Apr. 29, 1718,
Æt. 46.

May 3, 1687, Chh. Bristol gathered by Rev. M^r. Lee.

1722, Sep. 16, Chh. Bristol 73 Communicants.

1696, July 6 67 D^o.

May 8, circa 1690 48 D^o.

Deacon Nath^l. Bosworth, from Hull } both chosen

Deacon Jn^o. Cary, fr. Bridgwater } in M^r. Lee's day

Rev. D^r. Wheelock dismissed Apr. 10, 1770. . .

Deacon Jon^a. Mansfield of N. H. first Chh., Æt. 85, remembers
M^r. Andrew [was] one of M^r. Noyes' Ordainers—that M^r. Russel
of Branf^d. gave the Charge—M^r. Moss active. . .

M^r. Noyes told M^r. Whittelsey he found no standing Doctrine of
Faith, every Communicant or Company making one for him or them
at Admission. M^r. Jn^o. Prout, Jun., made or composed one for
himself & nine others admitted 22 Nov., 1716, being the first
Admiss. by M^r. Noyes. And that has continued in use to this day
1770.

For sundry, perh. 20 years 'twas read to the Candidates privately
in presence of the Deacons—till M^r. Jn^o. Noyes was admitted, when
he read it publickly instead of a Relation about 1756. . . .

NEW HAVEN ANTIENT CHH. COVENANT COMPOSED, I SUPPOSE,
BY M^r. DAVENPORT.

"God hav^d disposed the hearts of the Brethren to receive you into the Fellowship of this Chh. covenant; which is this: that throughe Christ strengthening you, without whom you can do nothing, you denie all Ungodlines & worldly Lusts & Pollutions wherein at any time you have walked, and that you doe give up yourself unto the Ld. J. C. to be taught & governed by him in all your relations, Conditions & Conversations in this World avouching him to be youre only Prophet & Teacher, your only Priest & Propitiation, your only King & Lawgiver, and doe farther bind yourself in his Strength to walk with this Chh. in all the Ordinances of Christ & with the Members thereof in Memberlike Submission according to Christe.

"Then doth the Chh. also promise you thro' the Strength of Christ without whom we also can doe nothing we will walk towards you in all brotherly helpfullnes according to Christ."

Extracted from Deacons' Chh. Records of Baptisms &c. from the beginn^g.

MARTHA'S VINYARD.

A. D. 1642 Indians 1,500 Souls estimated.

1720 . . . 155 Families, 800 Souls, in six small Villages.

Japhet Hannit an excellent Indian Minister died 1712. Successor Sowomog Pastor, succeeded by Joash Panu Pastor. 110 Communicants A. D. 1720. Lord's Supper seven or 8 Times a year. . . .

Wedndy., 13 June, 1770, M^r. Ely¹ ordained by a Chh. in Somers. The Society of minor part of Chh. as well as Congreg^a., about half.

Chh. voted to send to the Min. & Chhs.—if they refused, then to Sep. Minist.—if they refused, chose Committee Brethren. They applied to Minist. & they refused—then called M^r. Holley & M^r. Collins, Sep. Min., who were present but disapproved & did not act, upon which delegated Brethren ordained M^r. Ely by lay^g. on hands, giv^g. Charge & Right hand. [Added later,] Turned out a villainous Character.

. . . About 1752 or 1753, Copper Beads dug up at Windsor & inspected by Rev. M^r. Russel.

Rev^d. W^m. Russel of Windsor, Son of Rev. W^m. Russel of Middle^o., Son of Rev. Noadiah Russel of Middleton, Son of M^r. Wil-

¹ Samuel Ely (Yale 1764).

liam Russel, one of the first Planters in New Haven. s^d. Noadiah born at New Haven.

Ex ore Rev^d. W^m. Russel.

Named Noadiah because Parents in daily Expect^a. of going to New Jerusalem¹: w^c. Opin. was prevalent among the N. E. Fathers, as Gov. Wolcott told M^r. Russel. . . .

Rev. Sam^l. Whitt^r. of Wallingf^d. preached Ord. Serm. of Rev. Theoph. Hall of Meriden.

Ex ore Uxor^{is} suæ Viduæ.

. . . 24 fourty foot houses & above 30 inclus. these now build^d. in N. Haven.

Mr. Whitt^r. had most of Rev. M^r. Streets Library, as says Rev. M^r. Street, East Haven.

M^r. Jn^o. Raynolds of Newport 2^d. Chh. died at Bristol Janry. 30, 1757, Æt. 90.

Rev. Jn^o. Burt born at Boston Dec^r. 29, 1716, bapt. 30th., admitted March 20, 1736/7, full Commun. New N^o. Chh. Rev. M^r. Thatcher. Called by Chh. Bristol Nov. 17, 1740, Town concur'd Janry. 5, 1740/1 & May 13, 1741, ord. Preached his first Sermon at Richmond, Fort Kennebec, Aug. 14, 1737.

June 1, 1722. Benj^a. Cary & Sam^l. Howland chosen Deacons Chh. Bristol.

June 3, 1740. M^r. Taylor dismissed fr. Chh. Bristol.

Rev. Peter Raynolds of Enfield born at Bristol, admitted full Commun. there Feb. 3, 1722/3.

. . . A. D. 1740 at the first Accession of M^r. Whitfield the Boston Ministers were:

D ^r . Coleman }	M ^r . Welsted }
M ^r . Cooper }	M ^r . Gray }
D ^r . Sewall }	M ^r . Gee }
M ^r . Prince }	M ^r . Mather ³ }
M ^r . Foxcroft }	M ^r . Checkley
D ^r . Chauncy }	M ^r . Byles
M ^r . Webb }	M ^r . Hooper, turned Episc ^o . 1746
M ^r . Thatcher }	

¹ Cf. Ezra, viii, 31-33.

³ Samuel Mather (Harvard 1723), son of Cotton Mather, was colleague pastor of the Second Church, and was dismissed on December 21, 1741.

Sundry, as M^r. Gee, D^r. Sewal, M^r. Prince, M^r. Cooper, were much alarmed with the Supposition of the Prevalence of Arminianism & that M^r. Chauncy & M^r. Mather &c. were in that way. A Council [was] called on M^r. Mather, among others Coleman & Chauncy refused to sign the result advis^d. a Dismission. M^r. Chauncy drew up a Sheet of Reasons & gave to M^r. Mather, who read them in the Congreg^a. after read^s the *result*. This gave an irreconcilable Disgust to Mess^{rs}. Gee, Foxcroft, &c., &c. This was 1741. D^r. Chauncy opposed New Light—and a great posse arose against him. But he has lived to bury all his opposers, and to shine with Eminence to old Age.

COMMUNICANTS CHH. BRISTOL JAN. 1, 1689

M ^r . Jn ^o . Saffin	Hugh }	Woodbury
Tho ^s . Lewis	— }	
G ^o ¹ Lewis	J — }	Mead
Jn ^o . Martin	G — }	
G. Mary Martin	Anthony }	Fry
Sam ^l . Penfield	G — }	
G. Finny	Widow Wally	
Nathan ^l .	Nath ^l .	Reynold
Bridget }	G — }	
Mary, D ^r .	S — }	
Benj ^a .	Martha }	Leigh
Bathshua }	Anna }	
Jn ^o .	Jn ^o . Wally	
Hannah }	Sarah Wise	
M ^{rs} . Howland	Will. Throop	
M ^r . Bletso	his Wife	
& his Wife	— —	
M ^r . Nath ^l . Byfield	— —	
M ^{rs} . Deborah	M ^{rs} . Papilion	
Benj ^a . Church (famous Colonel)	M ^{rs} . Walker	
M ^{rs} . his Wife	M ^{rs} . Brenton	
M ^{rs} . Smith	Deacon Bosworth	
M ^{rs} . Gallop	Till Janry. 1, 1689	
G. Gladwin	Goody Jennings	
Will. Brown		

Catechised 1688, 32 Youths, 40 Maidens.

¹Goody, or Goodman.

Janry. 26, 1695/6. Then was baptized John & Abigail Wilkins, upon their Desire, Adult.

1696, Aprill 12. Then was Mary Adams & Mary Barnee taken into full Communion.

Janry. 29, 1695, at a private meeting of y^e Church Madam Saffin taken into full Communion.

May 2, 1697, then baptized Barnat Dyer of Newport, Adult.

June y^e 6, 1697, then baptized John & Nathaniel, Sons of Capt. Nathaniel Coddington of Newport, presented by his Wife.

Janry. ult. 1702/3, then was baptism administered unto Mehetabel Wilkins and Katherine Osborn, Persons of Adult Age. Also to Anstis Jenkins, Daught^r. of M^r. Richard Jenkins late of Bristol dec^d., & Mary his Wife.

Sept. 26, 1708—was baptized Hannah Daughter unto Benjamin Hoar deceased & Rebecah his Wife, presented thereto by her Grandmother M^{rs}. Hannah Hoare who promised to take Care of her Education.

After Philip's War Bristol bought by four Men for Eleven hundred Pounds, Major Wally, Son of the Minister of Barnstable, M^r. Oliver, &c. Soon after they took in about thirty or 32 Proprietors—some from Barnstable as Throop &c., some from beyond Boston, &c. . . .

Assoc. Windham C^o. for many years had an East & West Committee—the West Comm. dismissed D^r. Wheelock. D^r. Wheelock holds all shd. commune.

Coventry 1st. Chh. June 9, 1763, Rev. Joseph Huntington ord. And A. D. 1770, State of Chh.

In full Commun.	120
In Cov ^t . besides	36
Perh. a doz. more D ^o .	14
	170

Above 160 Fam. Mr. Huntⁿ. tells me he has baptized one Grand-child on Acc^o. of Grandparent, without the Gr. p. taking the child home, the immed. Parents living & present.

Sacr^t. once in two M^o. excepting 3. Winter M^o., begin^g. March 1st. Sabb.—Sacr^t. Lect. frydy or Thursdy—Watts Psalms—don't read Scriptures—used to admit by uplift^g. Hands—now Propound. a fortnight & Pastor admits without Vote—begin Singing. . . .

WEST COMMITTEE ASSOC. WINDHAM C^o.

'Rev. Sol ^o . Williams, Lebanon	'Rev. M ^r . Huntg ^a ., Do.
Rev. D ^r . Wheelock, D ^o .	Rev. M ^r . Salter } Mansf ^d .
'Rev. M ^r . Stone, D ^o .	'Rev. M ^r . Welch }
Rev. M ^r . Devotion, Scotl'd.	Rev. M ^r . Martin Ashf ^d . 2 ^d .
'Rev. M ^r . White, Windham	Rev. M ^r . Horton, Union
'Rev. M ^r . Strong, Coventry	

Rev. M^r. Woodbridge of N. Lond. & Rev. M^r. Kinne of Groton, both Hopkintonians, exchanged a few weeks ago (May).—when M^r. Kinne preached the *new Divinity*. As soon as the Cong. was dismissed Col. Saltonstal desired them to stop, & off hand put it to vote whether they approved of M^r. Kinne's preaching? Passed in the Negative.—Whether they would chuse a Committee to wait on M^r. Woodb. & desire him never again to change with M^r. Kinne till he had altered his Sentiments, nor with any Minister of like Sentiments? Passed aff., when they nominated some Gent. who waited upon M^r. Wood. on his Return and informed the Desire of his Congregation.

Ex ore Rev. M^r. Huntington.

Rev^d. M^r. Messinger ord. Winter before last Ashford first Parish, not joyned Assoc.—nor Rev^d. M^r. Leonard of Woodstock.

TO THE HONORABLE THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE COLONY OF CONNECTICUT, Convened at New-Haven the Second Thursday of October AD 1769:

The Memorial of ABEL BUELL of Killingworth² Humbly sheweth: That your Memorialist having Experienc'd the Great Goodness of this Honorable Assembly, for which he Begs Leave to render his most Grateful Tribute of thanks, and to Assure them from a Grateful Sense of their Clemency he has made it his unwearied Study to render himself Useful to the Community in which he lives and the American Colonies in general, and by his Unwearied application for a number of months past has Discover'd the Art of Letter-

¹ Present at D^r. Wheelock's Dism. without Delegates—only as six neighbors. Pastors. For M^r. Martin &c. not sent for.

² From a copy of the original printed Memorial, inserted in the Itinerary. Favorable action was taken by the Assembly. He had been convicted of counterfeiting a bill of credit in 1764, and had been released under parole by vote of the Assembly.

Founding; and as a Specimen of his abilities Presents this Memorial Impress'd with the Types of his Own manufacture, and whareas by an Antient Law of this Colony, this Assembly ware Graciously Pleased to Enact that any one who should make any Useful Discoveries should Receive an Encouragement there-for from this Honorable Assembly; and as the Manufacture of Types is but in Few hands even in EUROPE, he humbly Conceives it to be a most Valuable Addition to the American Manufacture, and as the Expençe of erecting a Proper Foundrey will be Great and beyond the abilities of your Memorialist, he humbly hopes for Encouragement from this Assembly Either by Granting him the Liberty of a Lottery for Raising a Sum Sufficient to enable him to carry on the same, or in some other way as to this Honorable Assembly may seem meet; and your Memorialist as in duty Bound shall ever Pray. . . .

Rev^d. James Pierpont about to journey to Boston, made his Will & gave his Estate to his Chh. at N. Haven & left the Will in Deacon's Hand. A Division of Land took place in his Absence, & tho' no Proprietor they Voted him Lands as the Deacon sd. it was only giving it to themselves. M^r. P. took the Land & gave it to his children.

Rev. Nicholas Street ord. Oct. 8, 1755, Chh. of East Haven. M^r. Ruggles of Guilford first prayer; M^r. Hall, Cheshire, preached Rev. 2, 10; M^r. Noyes prayed at Imposition of hands & gave Charge; M^r. Stiles last prayer at Lay^s on hands; M^r. Merick right Hand; rest Pastors assist^s., Robbins, W^ms., Woodbr., Birdsy. When Chh. consisted of about 100 Communicants—sing Watts—don't read Script.—Sacr^t. first Sabb. Janry. & every Two M^o.—Sacr^t. Lecture Thursday—Fortnight propound.—Doct. Faith & Cov^t. same as Father Stiles. Members rec^d. by Vote of Brethren. Don't ord. Deacons—always have two or more. No Chh. Records till M^r. Street. An early Vote prev. to M^r. Street's Settlem^t. on the Omnipotence of the Brotherhood. Vote against bapt^s. Negroes on acc^o. Masters. Vote 1755 in effect against Saybrook Platform—1758, March, revoked it nearly.

Apr. 28, 1769.

LAY ORDINATIONS IN NEW ENGL^d.

All the first Min. had been ordained by Bps. in Engl^d.; but were again ordained or installed by the ceremony of Laying on of hands; except a few who bro't off their Chhs. & had taken the pastoral charge of them in Engl'd.

1629

The first ordin^a. in N. E. Rev. Mess^{rs}. Higginson & Skelton of the Chh. of Salem ord. by hands of delegated Brethren.

1660

Rev. Jn^o. Higginson ord. Salem by laying on hands of two Deacons & another B^r.—Elders & Mess^{rs}. of 4 Chhs. present. Same day Pastor & 2 Deacons laid hands & ord. a Ruling Elder. Rev^d. M^r. Norton of Boston in the name of the Council (or Elders) gave right hand Fellowship to both Elders of Salem Chh. Next Pastor ord. 1683 by lay^g. on hands of neighb. Pastors.

1639 CIRCA

Rev. M^r. Prudden of Milford Chh., ord. by hands of 3 Brethren, Apr. 8, 1640.

1670 CIRCA OR 1665

Rev. Tho^s. Buckingham, Saybrook, ord. by hands 3 Brethren in presence of an ord^e. Council of Pastors & Mess. 4 Chhs. But M^r. Eliot of Guilf^d. refused to be present. See M^r. Hart's Letter, Jan., 1769. This seemed to be on principles of Salem Chh.—to have Council of neighb. Pastors & Chhs. present to advise & be Witnesses—but the Chh. to transact all. M^r. Eliot must have been young.¹ Stephen Post of Hebron formerly of Saybrook said he was present at M^r. Buck^m's. Ord. & saw M^r. Buck^m. of Hartf^d. lay on hands; also that Rev. Fitch of Norwich was present & laid on &c. M^r. Trumble tells this—but I doubt. N. B. M^r. B. of Hartf^d. died 1731 Æt. 62.

. . . A Controversy once arose in the Chh. of Rev. Tim^o. Edwards in East Windsor, carried to that length, that they had no Sacrament for *three years*. But afterward settled in Peace.

¹ Rev. Joseph Eliot (Harvard 1658) was ordained in Guilford in 1664; born Dec., 1638.

I think this I had fr. Rev^d. W^m. Russel of Windsor with w^m. I dined at Wethersfld.

Goodman Tharp ob. Æ. 75 or 72—had four Children born at N^o. Haven before Isaac, who was born 75 y. ago or about 1695.

Cousin Jerusha was at my Nativity; says Women gathered Wedn^y Afternoon. And Mother died Ldsnight or about Day Mond^y Morn^g.

First Rev. Jn^o. Davenport of N. H. had or left at N. Haven one Son, nothing extraordinary:—he had four Children, viz. Rev. Jn^o. Davenp^t. of Stanford, three daughters, M^{rs}. Pierpont, M^{rs}. Mather, Wife of Warham, & M^{rs}. Wade, out of the Colony.

M^{rs}. Pierp^t. had no Children. The House, Library & New Hav. Estate of first Rev^d. fell into M^{rs}. Mather's hands, she also died childless or barren. Then the Library went to Deodate Davenport, Esq., of East Haven, oldest Son of the Minister of Stanford. M^{rs}. Mather died about 1748.

EX ORE D^r. MUNSON, JUNE 23, 1770.

My Father told D^r. Munson that he was ordained by M^r. Moss, M^r. Noyes, M^r. Andrew, M^r. Hemingway, M^r. Chauncy, M^r. Whitelsey, M^r. Russel of Branf^d.; he thinks M^r. Chauncy preached. This was on this acc^o.—dissatisfied persons (Seth Eaton, Dan^l. Basset, Capt. Ives) told father he was not fit for the Min^{ry}., upon w^c. Father replied he had been judged fit by the best Ministers around who ordained him; & mentioned their Names. D^r. Munson was at Father's again, next day, when Father rehears^g the Convers^a. mentioned the above Names, which he remembers very distinctly. Also D^r. says he was present in Even^g. & heard the whole Convers^a.; w^c was about 1759 or after Dana ordin^a.

Rev. M^r. Trumb., N^o. H., says M^r. Hall, Cheshire, was at father's ord.—& Moss & Whitt^y. assisted among others: & that M^r. Hall told him so.

Isaac Tharp, Æt. 75, tells me M^r. Russel he remembers to be one. His Father & Goodman Blacksly first settlers North Haven.

Mother Stiles tells me that this Applic^a. of aggrieved Brethren to Father was just before his Death; they desired him to call the Consoc. to dismiss him from the Ministry. . . .

Mr. Joel Munson tells me he was at Mr. Noyes' Ord. & Mr. Noyes preached himself, Jer. i, 7: Say not I am a Child, for thou shalt go to whosoever I shall send thee & whatsoever I command &c. and that Mr. Russel, Mr. Moss, Mr. Ruggles assisted.

Rev. Jn^o. Devotion ordained by Rev. Jared Eliot, Geo. Beckwith, W^m. Seward, W^m. Hart, Stephen Johnson, Eben^r. Devotion. Mr. Eben^r. Devotion preached, Dr. Eliot Charge, Mr. Seward Rt. Hand. These all the Ministers sent to. . . .

COLECHESTER.

Granted 1699—Settlem^t. begun 1701. . . About Twenty Separates in the Parish, began 1745.—New Salem Parish made about 1726, partly out of Lyme & part Colechester. Rev. Joseph Lovet ord. 1729 or 1730, dism. about 1745, no Pastor since; all become Bapt. &c. but four.—Westchester set off 1728 . . Separates twenty in that Parish.

ENFIELD, 1769.

Contains 214 Fam. Eng. 1380 Souls Whites; few blacks. Six Miles sqr. First settled 1681—occasional preaching till 1699 when Rev. Nathaniel Collins, Son of the Pastor of Middletown, was ord.—he . . died 1757 in Enfield, Æ. 80. Left 4 Sons, 2 D. Sep. Min. his Son . . . About 1744 Separates began & about 1753 one of the N^o. became Baptist & set up a baptist Separation. . . .

Mr. TRUMBLE'S ACC^o. OF Mr. EDWARDS' CONGREG^a. AT N. H.

Sept., 1769. 207 Voters or Taxables. 70 or above Signers against Mr. Edwds off^d. to Council in Summer 1769. Increased to 81 by Commenc^t. & said to be above 90 in heart: form^e. a new Congreg^a.

NEW HAVEN NEW CONGREG^a. SEPT. 17, 1769

Mr. Greenough	Leman Potter (good estate)
Sheriff Mansfield	Tim ^o . D ^o . (D ^o . D ^o .)
Esq ^r . Prout	Theoph. Munson, Sen.
Mr. Jon ^a . Osborn	Jos. Munson (Capt.)
Ab ^m . Augur	Mr. Sabin
Mr. Cook	D ^o . D ^o .
Mr. Storer	Ab ^m . Thompson, jun.
James Gilbert	Mr. Lothrop
David Gilbert, jun.	Jones

Joel D ^o .	Jon ^a . Beecher	
Dan ^l . Alling	Beecher	
Silas D ^o . (greatest List in T ^o .)	Johnson	
Aaron Gilbert (at farms)	D ^o .	
Sam ^l . Horton (£1000.)	Michael Gilbert	
Enos Tuttle	Jn ^o . Gilbert	
Benj ^a . Wooden	M ^r . Townsend (Wig)	
Benj ^a . Dorman	—— Wife	
Lieut. Tompson	M ^r . Dodge	
—— Storer, jun.	Jer. Atwater	
Jn ^o . Potter (good Estate)	Joel D ^o .	40

Rev^d. W^m. Hubbard of Ipswitch, Father of M^r. Jn^o. Hubb^d. Merch^t. in Boston (Father of Rev. Jn^o. Hubbard Pastor of Presb. Chh. in Jamaica on Long Isl^d., ejected thence by Ld. Cornbury from his Meetingh. & Dwell^ghouse, yet he—sd. Jn^o. Hubbard—continued & died there in the Ministry). Upon this Treatm^t. fr. Ld. Cornbury, M^r. Hubb^d. & his Congreg^a. were meditating a Remove & Transplantation to Cockingchauge now Durham in Connecticut at which place M^r. Hubbard made a Purchase of Lands. But died soon. The Removal of his Chh. was discouraged & not effected. M^r. Hubb^d dying left his only Child Col. Jn^o. Hubb^d., & after his Death his Relict had his posthumous Child, Dan^l. Hubb^d. of N. Lond.—born at Hartford. Jn^o. born at L. Isl^d . . .

Ex ore Father Hubbard.

THE DOCTRINE OF FAITH PROFESSED IN THE FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST IN NEW HAVEN.

Concerning God I believe he is incomprehensible & that none by searching can find out the Almighty to perfection, but in the book of Creation in the work of his hands which we every where behold, may clearly be read the Existence & perfections of a Glorious Creator, but in his word (which he has magnified above all his Name) which I beleive was given by divine inspiration, & is profitable for doctrin, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness he hath more fully & expressly Reveal'd himself to be a Spirit infinite, Eternal, Unchangeable in his being, wisdom, Power, holyness, Justice, Goodness & truth, in the Unity of the glorious Godhead, their is a trinity of Persons distinguishd in the manner of their subsisting, & by their relative properties the Father, Son & holy Ghost the same in substance equal in power & glory.

Concerning the Decrees of God I believe they are his Eternal purposes according to the council of his own will where by for his own Glory he hath fore ordained whatsoever comes to pass. And that God executeth his Decrees in the works of Creation & Providence, the work of Creation is God's makeing all things out of nothing by the word of his power, in the space of six days & all very good, the works of God's providence are his most holy wise & powerfull preserveing & governing all his creatures & all their actions.

I believe God made man at the first male & female after his own Image, in knowledge, righteousness & holyness, with Dominion over their Creatures & that man being placed in so holy & Happy an estate, & advanced in honour above the rest of the lower Creation, soon apostatised & made defection from his Glorious & bountifull Creator: The particular prohibition it pleased God to lay man under for the tryal of his obedience was that he should not eat of the tree of knowledge of good & evil, upon pain of Death which he being left to the freedom of his own will did most voluntarily offend against by which act of disobedience he standing as a publick head & representative for all his progeny, we are all become sinners, through that offence, Judgement is now come upon all to condemnation where by we have not only lost the Image of God, & a general corruption o'er spread our natures but we exposed our selves to all the miseries of this Life to Death it self the pains of Hell for ever. And that God did not deal with the race of sinfull Adam upon their fall, as with that number of Angels which kept not their first station, who for their rebellion was righteously expelled the glorious mansions of Heaven, & cast down to hell, & were reserv'd under chains of darkness to the Judgement of the great day, was a fruit & effect of his mere good pleasure, he having from all Eternity elected some to everlasting Life did enter into a Covenant of grace to deliver them out of an estate of sin & misery & to bring them into an estate of Salvation by a Redeemer the only Redeemer of God's elect:

I believe in the Lord Jesus Christ who being the eternal Son of God, the brightness of his Father's glory, the express Image of his person, became man by takeing to himself a true body & a reasonable Soul being conceived by the power of the holy ghost in the womb of the Virgin Mary born of her yet without sin, thro Hypostatical Union of Divine with the human Nature in the Person

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of our glorious Mediator, & that he continues to be God & man. (I beleive) that in two distinct natures & one Person for ever & that as our redeemer he executeth the threefold office of a Priest Prophet & King both in his estate of humiliation & exaltation, I beleive he was Dld. for offences, so he arose again for our Justification. He was dead & is alive & Lives for ever ascended up into heaven, sitting at the right hand of the Majesty on high, angels Authorities & Powers being made subject unto him: I beleive that when our blessed redeemer being about to leave the world & ascend unto the Father, did then for the consolation of his disciples promise that when he should depart he would send the comforter, which should reprove the world of Sin, of Righteousness & Judgement: that Spirit of truth which should lead them into all truth. So I beleive the same holy Spirit is & will be ever to the end of the world, sent forth into the hearts of all God's elect, to work in their hearts every saveing qualification. I beleive the necessity of a Change in the nature of all such as are made heirs of Eternal Life, they must be born again if ever they would see the Kingdom of God, they must be made partakers of a new & Divine nature, their understanding must be illuminated, their wills persuaded & their Souls purify'd & by the mighty operations of the Spirit: As in their effectual calling, I beleive they that have received true grace in their hearts as a grain of mustard Seed, shall never finally perish: Where Christ has shed his love in any soul, he will Love even unto the end: Concerning beleivers at their Death they are perfect in happyness, their Souls being united to Christ, their bodies sweetly rest in their Graves till their resurrection. Justification I beleive an act of God's free grace, whereby he pardons all our sins & accepts of us as righteousness in his sight only for the righteousness of Christ imputed to us & receivd by faith alone. Adoption is also an act of God's free grace whereby we are received into the number of & have right to all the priveleges of the Sons of God. Sanctification is a work of God's free Grace, whereby we are renew'd in the spirits of our minds, after the Image of God, & are enabled more & more to die unto sin & live unto righteousness. Concerning faith I beleive it is a saveing grace whereby a sinner receives, & rests alone upon Jesus Christ for Salvation as is offered to us in the Gospel.

Concerning repentance evangelical repentance is a saveing grace whereby a sinner out of a true sense of his Sins & apprehension of

the mercy of God in Christ, doth with grief & hatred of his sins turn from it unto God with purpose of & endeavour after new obedience.

Concerning the Church I beleive it to be a congregation of Saints join'd together in the bond of covenant to worship the Lord & to edify one another in all his holy ordinances, a church of Christ hath power to chuse their own officers, to receive in their own members & to administer discipline upon all offenders according to the rule of Christ either by admonition or excommunication. Concerning baptism, baptism is a sacrament of the new testament, wherein by washing with water in the name of Father, Son, & Holy Ghost doth signify & seal an ingrafting into Christ & being made partakers of his benefits & our engagements to be the Lord's. The Lord's Supper is also a sacrament of the new Testament wherein by giving & receiv^g. bread & wine according to Christ's appointments his death is shewed forth & the worthy receivers are not after a carnal & corporal manner, but by faith made partakers of his body & blood—together with all his benefits to their spiritual nourishment & growth in grace. Concerning the Resurrection, I beleive the resurrection both of the just & unjust of small & great in order to a final Judgment at the sound of the trumpet all that are in their graves shall arise & appear before the great tribunal & that then Christ the righteous Judge will render to every one according to their deeds done in the body whether good or evil, the Righteous shall be first judged, whom Christ will openly acknowledge & acquit, & to whom he will then say come y^e blessed of my Father inherit the Kingdom prepared for you before the foundation of the world, but unto the wicked he will pronounce that tremendous & heavy doom, go ye curs'd into everlasting fire prepared for the Devil & his Angels.

Whereas in Addition to other Grievances too tedious & needless here to enumerate, of which we would not willingly perpetuate the memory, a consid. part of the first chh. in New Haven have lately viz. on the 25th. day of Janry. last under the conduct of their present pastor Voted a conformity to the Say-brook Platform & in consequence of it (to shew more plainly the design of said Vote) at the same Time by their Vote carried to the Standing Consociation of this County for an authoritative Decision there a complaint ag^t. sundry of the members of s^d. Chh., thereby owning a juridical

& decisive Authority in the s^d Stated Consoc.—contrary to the known principles & practice of s^d. Chh. Time out of mind, which has always disowned any *juridical* or *decisive Author^y ecclesiastical* under Christ vested in any particular persons or Class over a particular congregational Chh. confederated as this.

We the Subscribers Members of s^d. Chh. still firmly adhering to the Congregat. principles & privileges on w^c. the s^d. Chh. was founded & hath stood unshaken from the beginn^g. thro' successive Generations untill the 25th. of Janry. last being by the s^d. Innovation hereunto necessitated apprehend ourselves called of God in company to vindicate our s^d. antient rightful Powers & Privileges & to put ourselves into a proper Capacity for the Enjoyment thereof upon the antient foot & for that purpose do now under the conduct of div. Providence humbly sought by solemn Fast^s. & Prayer *Resume a Chh. State of the Gospel on the antient Basis* of that Chh. whereof we stood *Members in fact* as well as of right untill the unhappy period above mentioned, wherein the Pastor & a number of Brethren with him went off from the antient foundⁿ. as afores^d. & we with all Affection invite others the Members of s^d. Chh. who do or may see just Cause of Grievance at the s^d. Innovⁿ. to joyn with us in asserting our antient rightful Powers & Privileges broken in upon.

We solemnly declare our Belief of the Christian Religion as contained in the Sacred Scriptures & with such a view thereof as the Confession of Faith has exhibited which is hereunto annexed fully agreeing in Substance with the Confession of Faith that has been owned by said Chh. time out of mind heartily resolving to conform our Lives to the rules of that holy Religion as long as we live in the World.

PART OF THE WRITTEN TRANSACTION AT GATH^e THE
SEP. CHH. AT N. H. 7 MAY 1742.

Which Writing consists 1. of a Result of a Council of four Pastors, Rev. Sam^l. Cook, Jn^o. Graham, Elisha Kent & Joseph Belamy. 2. The forgoing Doctrine of Faith, with what is subjoyned as above. 3. A Renewal of Cov^t. signed by the Brethren & Sisters. 4. Votes of Chh. elect^s. M^r. Cook Moderator for lead^g Chh. to admission of other Members, & account of Transactions till May 9, 1742, when M^r. Cook finished. 5. Chh. Trans^s. under Rev^d. M^r. Wheelock called in by the Chh. and Admission of Members fr.

June. 3. to July 11, 1742. The whole properly attested by M^r. Cook, Wheelock &c., and delivered into M^r. Noyes' Hands. I found it among his papers.

E. STILES.

Copied June 23, 1770.

. . . Previous to gather^e this Chh. a number of aggrieved Brethren & Sisters presented a paper to M^r. Noyes to be communicated to his Chh. consist^e. of fourteen Articles alleged against M^r. Noyes &c. This was sign'd by the following persons & dated Nov. 18, 1741.

James Pierpont	Mary Pumroy	Ruth Mansfield
James Talmage	James Couch	Tim ^o . Mix
Jn ^o . Eliot	Sarah D ^o .	Mary D ^o .
— Sherman	Jn ^o . Talmadge	Benj ^a . Wooden
Anna Jones	Eliz ^a . Maltby	Sam ^l . Thompson, jun.
Step. Johnson	Philip Rexford	Caleb Bradly
Sam ^l . Horton	Benj ^a . Talmage	Dan ^l . Leek
Esther Sherman	Phebe Andrews	Gid. Andrews
Rhoda D ^o .	David Punderson	Amon Tuttle
Mehet ^a . D ^o .	Thankful D ^o .	Sarah D ^o .
Abigail Horton	Tho. D ^o . jun.	Asa Allen
Marg ^t . Mansfield	Susanna Cook	Sarah Thompson
Sarah Horton	Marcy Mansfield	Rhoda Allen
Jos. Pumroy	Marg ^t . Mansfd., jun.	Sarah Leek
Sarah Osborn	Tho. Wilmot	Mary D ^o .
Hannah Talmage	James Lines	Eliz ^a . D ^o .
Eliz ^a . Bishop	Tim ^o . Gorham	Judah Thompson
Ab ^m . Bradly, jun.	Sybil Gilbert	Joseph Sacket
Lydia Burroughs	Amos Munson	Dorothy D ^o .
Jn ^o . Sherman	Sam ^l . D ^o .	Dorothy Tuttle
Jos. Burrough	Abigail D ^o .	David Allen
Ann Sherman	Eliz ^a . Dorman	Jabez Thompson
Eliz ^a . Tompson	And ^w . Bradly	Ann Potter
Susanna Prout	Sol ^o . Gilbert	James Bradly
Hez. Talmadge	Jon ^a . Hitchcock	Mary English
Lydia Eliot	Rebecca Sherman	Sarah Prout
Eliz ^a . Allen	D ^o . D ^o . jun.	Asa Morris
Sarah Pierpont	Francis D ^o .	Nath ^l . Turner
Anna Rexford	Rachel Umphreville	Dan ^l . D ^o .
Hannah Talmadge	Tim ^o . Allen	Tim ^o . Bradly
Ann D ^o .	Hannah Beecher	Ezek. Sanford
Dorothy D ^o .	Amy Beecher	Hez. Beecher
Daniel Mansfield	Abigail D ^o .	Jacob Turner
Jn ^o . Thompson	Joel Hotchkiss	Enos Tuttle

Caleb Hotchkiss, jun.	Roger Peck	Sarah Atwater
Silence Haywood	Sam ^l . Allen	Sarah Turner
Mary Lyon	Sam ^l . Cooke	
Yale Bishop	Charity Johnson	

112 Signers, 55 Men, 57 Women.¹

AT A MEETING OF THE GEN. ASSOC. AT HARTFORD, MAY 15, 1730.²

Present from the Northern Assoc. of Hartford County

The Rev. M^r. Timothy Woodbridge

M^r. Samuel Whitman

From the South Assoc. of Hartfd. C^o.

M^r. William Russel

M^r. Daniel Newel

From the Assoc. of New Lond. C^o. M^r. Hezekiah Lord.

From the Assoc. of Windham C^o. M^r. Thomas Clap.

The Rev. M^r. Tim^o. Woodb. was chosen Mod^r. of this Assoc. Mr. Dan^l. Newel was chosen Scribe.

1. It was agreed that the several Assoc. of this Colony do chuse Delegates to meet *twice a year* annually in the General Assoc., first at Hartfd. on the Wednesdy before the day of Election at Eight of the Clock in the Morn^g.; then at New Haven on the day follow^g the Commencem^t. there; & that the Delegates appointed to this Service do produce their Certificates of their Appointm^t. from the respective Associations.

2. This Assoc. thinks it convenient that the several Associations of this Colony do agree in some general rules for the Examin^a. of Candidates in order to their being licensed to preach & do therefore recommend it to the particular Associations to send their Delegates to the next Gen. Assoc., with their Rules, fully impowered to agree upon some general Rules in this Matter.

3. Farther we judge it needful that persons examined & licensed to preach do pass thro' a second Exam. in order to their Ordination in the Pastoral Office; & that this Exam. be attended antecedent to the fast usually appointed before the Ordination; & we recommend it to the particular Assoc. to form rules by w^{ch} those that offer themselves to ordin^a. shall be examined & approved in order to their being ordained.

4. This Assoc. doth make Choice of the Rev. M^r. Stephen Mix & M^r. Joseph Noyes to be Standing Registers to receive their Acts from time to time from their Scribe pro tempore & enter them upon Record in the Book provided for that purpose, & give copies of them as there shall be occasion & transit the Book from Time to Time to the place of the Meefing of the said Association.

A true Copy of Record Examined per DANIEL NEWELL, Scribe.

¹ A considerable number of the signers do not appear on the list of members of the First Church, being probably members under the halfway-covenant.

² The extant records of the Association begin in 1738.

FROM STONINGTON RECORDS

"At a legal Town Meet^g. holden March y^e 31, 1715. It was Voted, There being now an Opportunity of Obtaining M^r. Joseph Noyes to be a Gospel preaching Minister amongst us in this Town of Stonington, provided the Town desire the same, Wherefore it is desired of all those that are desirous of the Calling of him the s^d. M^r. Joseph Noyes would subscribe to manifest their Desire. This Meeting is adjourned untill Wednesday comsevnnight which will be 14th of April next at nine of the Clock in the Morning.

"BY ADJOURNMENT ON APR. Y^e 14, 1715

"The same Day it was Voted & agreed to call M^r. Joseph Noyes to be helpful to the Rev^d. M^r. James Noyes in carrying on the Work of the Min^y amongst us in this Town & that one of the Two Ministers shall preach to the people Living remote from the Meet^ghouse at some convenient place where they the people aggrieved shall unanimously agree upon & that after the Death, Removal or Inability of either of the two Ministers to carry on the Work of the Min^y or so soon after as the upper people shall see cause, the Town to be divided into two Societies for carry^g on the Work of the Min^y. And the Town to be divided so as may be consistent with the Rule of Justice & Righteousness & that the Northern Society when set out as abovesaid shall have an equal Part of the Min^y. Land in this Town. And for Encourag^t. of the Upper Society the lower Society shall when divided as abovesaid pay unto them the Sum of One hundred Pounds towards the settling a Minister among them.

"It was also voted that if M^r. Joseph Noyes shall accept of a Call of this Town to be Minister with his Father the Rev. M^r. James Noyes that then the Town will give him the s^d. M^r. Joseph Noyes for his Incouragm^t. the Sum of One hundred Pounds towards settling him among us, & to pay him annually the Sum of Seventy Pounds as Money so long as they the s^d. M^r. James & M^r. Jos. Noyes shall carry on the Work of y^e Min^y. amongst us in this Town & if it please God that M^r. Jos. Noyes shall succeed the Rev^d. M^r. James Noyes & to continue to carry on the Work of the Min^y amongst us that then he shall have his Salary Raised to make it a comfortable & credible Maintenance from this Town."

"Extracted from Stonington 2^d. Book of Town Voates this 18th of Apr^l. 1715 & is a True Copie.

"Test ELNATHAN MINOR Town Clerk."

Copied fr. the Original by E. Stiles, June 26, 1770. . . .

ORDINATIONS IN W^c. REV^d. M^r. TODD OF E. GUILF^d. ASSISTED
Killingworth, M^r. Seward, 1735. C^o. D^r. Eliot, Ruggles preach.,
Worth^gton R^t. Hand, Nott, Todd, Fisk Charge.

Cohabit, M^r. Richards, 1748. Counc. Trumb. preached, Whittelsey Ch., Ruggles R^t. Hand, Stiles, Todd, Merrick.

Read^s, M^r. Bartlit. Counc. Jed. Mills Charge, White Danb^r., Kent, Ingersol, Sill, Case, Judson R. H., Todd preached. Kent in York Gov^t. . Case not in Min^r. but olim Past. of New Fairf^d.

Durham, M^r. Goodrich. Council. Stiles, Merick, Ruggles, Hall & Hall, Todd, W^m., Richards—none out of C^o.

Wallingf^d., D^r. Dana. Noyes, Stiles, Todd, Hall Meriden, Brown of Hingham.

Guilf^d. { M^r. Fowler } Ruggles Charge, Todd preach., Robbins
 { M^r. Ely } R. H., Merick, Williams, Stiles, Richards
 —in Old Guilf^d. Meetgh. at one Time.

Killingw., M^r. Huntington. C^o. Beckwith, Johnson Lyme, Hart, Devotⁿ., Seward preach., May, Ruggles, Todd—of three Counties. Ruggles Charge. Todd R. H.

New Haven, M^r. Whittelsey. Noyes, Hall & Hall, Stiles R. H., Merick, Whittelsey Br. preach., Todd. Charge Hall Cheshire.

The Chh. of Read^s. sent no Letters to M^r. Todd's Chh.—but the Council voted M^r. Todd a Member—sent Letters to M^r. Kent at Philippi & Chh. tho' out of the Colony—but not to M^r. Sill & Chh., nor to M^r. Case. But M^r. Case & M^r. Sill without Chhs. occasionally there, the Council voted them to sit as Members also & they sat & acted as such.

M^r. Todd born at N. Haven—liv^g. at *Greensfarms* became Member of that Chh., which sent him Delegate with Rev. Daniel Chapman to Ordin^a. Council of Rev^d. M^r. Hunn of Reading, where the Letters missive were publickly read at the Time of Ordin^a. Rev^d. Samuel Cooke Mod^r. . M^r. Chapman absent—present Shove, Cooke, Graham, Hobart, Goodsell, &c. Graham preach., Cooke Charge, Hob^t. first Prayer.

At M^r. Whittelsey's Ord. N. H., M^r. Ruggles absent, his Chh. present. At Dana's M^r. Hall Cheshire & Chh. withdrew & joyned Consoc. M^r. Ruggles went home before Ord., his Delegate stay^g. & joyned in Vote for Ord.

Ex ore M^r. Todd.

At Time Whittelsey's Ord. 1758 Whitehaven & N. H. were one Society tho two Chhs. The Society (a Majority of w^c. were New Light) chose Committee to oppose M^r. Whitt^r'. Ord. but when Ord. Council resolved to proceed, Committee came in & appealed to the Consociation—upon which M^r. Hall, Cheshire, Mod^r., told them "That Consociation had nothing to do with Ordinations."

Ex ore Rev. M^r. Todd, E. Guilford.

From found^a. till 1716 or M^r. Noyes's Ord. the Candidates made each Company a Doctrine of Faith for the Comp^a. and each a distinct Relation which in late Times was written. They were wont to admit 3 or 4 Times a year & in Companies: & some of the Comp^a. draughted a Doct. of Faith in which all agreed, but as their Experiences might be & were usually different, so it was necessary each one shd. have a distinct & separate relation of them. It is traditioned that each Doctrine of Faith was purposely varied in Expressions. . . . M^r. Noyes previous to or about his Ordin^a. gained a Vote of the Chh. that those Children shd. be baptized whose Parents were baptized, or in expressions to this Effect.

Relations written were used till M^r. Whittelsey's Ord. 1758, when he prevailed on the Chh. to drop them, at least not to insist on them as a Term. Indeed just before this M^r. Jn^o. Noyes, Son of the Pastor, was admitted into full Commun. without Relation, but he read publicly & assented to the Doctrine of Faith, w^c. had not been read publicly many years before.

Ex ore Rev. Chauncey Whittelsey, Pastor.

. . . M^r. Sam^l. Woodbridge first Min. of E. Hartf^d. . . When first Meet^gh. raised all could sit on the Cills—now 400 Fam. . . .

Rev. James Bridgham of Brimfield ord. June 9, 1736. M^r. W^ms. Springf^d. began with prayer, M^r. Peabody of Natick preached 1 Tim^o. v, 22, M^r. Baxter Medf^d. Charge, M^r. Cheney of Brookf^d. Fellowship.

Chh. New Cheshire embodied 1724, present Rev. M^r. Chauncy of Durham & Rev. M^r. Whittelsey of Wallingf^d. Joseph Ives & Stephen Hotchkiss chosen Deacons Dec. 27, 1724. Deacon Ives resigned Aug. 19, 1739, & Tim^o. Tuttle was chosen in his room. Upon decease of Deacon Hotchkiss Edward Parker & Stephen Hotchk. Son of late Deacon were chosen Deacons Apr. 22, 1755. Deacon Tuttle served with them till his death. Upon remove of Deacon Hotchkiss out of the Parish Sam^l. Beach was chosen his Successor & Benj^a. Hotchkiss son to first Deacon Hotch. & Brother to second was chosen Deacon to assist Deacon Parker who is advanced in age—which three now serve as Deacons.

The number of distinct Families in this Parish including Episcopalians are *Three hundred & fourteen*. The number of Com-

municants belonging to this Chh. I find by the best comput^a. I can make to be *Four hundred & thirteen*.

Extract Lett. dated Apr. 14, 1770, from Rev^d. Jno. Foot, Pastor of Cheshire, to D^r. Dana.

July 4, 1716, Rev. Joseph Noyes ord. He had been invited to preach on probation July 1715—called Apr. 13, 1716. . . . Licensed to preach by N. Lond. Assoc. May 2, 1710. Signed Salmon Treat, Scribe, and after an Exam. at next meet^a. License signed by Ephraim Woodbridge . . .

M^{rs}. Darling, Daught. of Rev. Jos. Noyes, tells me, Tradition is, that M^r. Noyes of Newberry divided his Library between his two Sons, the Ministers of Stonington & Lyme. I suppose M^r. Joseph's contains about Two hundred & fifty Volumes from a very cursory counting. Of these not perh. twenty modern Authors. It is an antient Learned Library; & gives an Idea of the Learning of the first Ministers of N. Engl^d.

"At a General Consociation by Delegation of Elders & Messengers from several Particular Consociations in the Colony of Connecticutt convened at Guilfd., Nov. 24, 1741.

"PRESENT

"FROM THE WESTERN CONSOCIATION OF THE COUNTY OF FAIRFIELD

"The Rev ^d . Messieurs	{	Moses Dickinson	Messengers
		Noah Hobart	Col ^o . Jonathan Hoyt
		William Gaylord	

"FROM THE EASTERN CONSOCIATION OF THE C^o. OF FAIRFIELD

"The Rev ^d . Mess ^{rs} .	{	John Graham	Messengers
		Jedidiah Mills	Deacon Ephraim Judson
		Joseph Bellamy	Deacon Daniel Curtiss Deacon Hezekiah Hooker

"FROM THE CONSOC. OF THE C^o. OF NEW HAVEN

"The Rev ^d . Mess ^{rs} .	{	Nathan ^l . Chauncy	Messengers
		Jacob Hemingway	John Woodward
		Samuel Whittelsey	Col. Benj. Hall M ^r . Robert Treat

"FROM THE NORTHERN CONSOC. OF THE C^o. OF HARTF^d.

"The Rev ^d . Messrs.	{	Samuel Whitman	Messengers
		Benj ^a . Colton	Cap ^t . John Marsh
		Stephen Steel	Deacon Jn ^o . Edwards Cap ^t . Tho ^s . Pitkin

"FROM THE SOUTHERN CONSOC. OF THE C^o. OF HARTFORD

"The Rev ^d . Mess ^{rs} .	{	William Burnham	Messengers
		William Russel	Major Jabez Hamlin
		Ashbel Woodbridge	Cap ^t . Martin Kellog M ^r . Hezekiah May

"FROM THE CONSOC. OF THE COUNTY OF WINDHAM

"The Rev ^d . Mess ^{rs} .	{	Ebenezer Williams	Messengers
		Solomon Williams	M ^r . Elisha Payne
		Samuel Mosely	M ^r . Experience Porter Deacon Jn ^o . Creary

"The Rev^d. Mess^{rs}. Samuel Whitman and Nathaniel Chauncy were chosen Moderators and Samuel Whittelsey was chosen Scribe. And the Rev^d. M^r. Chauncy opened the Council with Prayer.

"Test SAMUEL WHITTELSEY Scribe."

Copied from the Original by Ezra Stiles, June 21, 1770.

The follow^g. indicates the Number of Male Members in the Chh. of New Haven 1742 at a Vote for Choice of Deacons:—

Jn ^o . Munson 22	Caleb Hotchkiss 7
Jn ^o . Hitchcock 38	Jn ^o . Hubbard 3
Jon ^a . Mansfield 9	Dan ^l . Perkins 1
Ab ^m . Dickerman 3	Theoph. Munson 1
Ab ^m . Bradley 7	Jn ^o . Prout 1
Nath. Bradley, jun. 2	
W ^m . Diodate 5	99 Voters Male

"Aug. 18, 1742, this Chh. as above is set down. Chose B. John Hitchcock. B. Jn^o. Munson had 22 as above (and at the Church's Desire by their Vote) was put to vote by hand, and was chosen by a full Vote.

"Jos. NOYES, Pastor."

Extract from an original paper.

. . . . After the Consoc. of N. H. C^o. had acted on the Case of the Rev^d. M^r. Robbins of Branford, the Gen. Assembly at Desire of Branf^d. Chh. &c. sent Ministers to M^r. Robbins & they bro't him to some Reflections; and wrote to the Consoc. as follows:—

"Rev^d. & Dr. Brethren,

"Hav^g. been invited by the Chh. & Society in the S^o. part of Branford in pursuance of the Advice of the Hon. the Governor & the Assembly of this Colony to advise M^r. Robbins & the people of the place to such Measures as tend to restore Unanimity & Peace among them.

"And hav^g. fallen on such Method as we hope may by the Bless^d. of God be effectual to answer this good Design, we think it proper to acquaint you with it, especially since the Success of the Endeavors depends on your Concurrence, not doubting your joyning with us in the Method we have taken & rejoicing in the Success thereof.

"In the view we have had of the Difficulties of this place it appeared the most eligible Method of healing for M^r. Robbins to make an Acknowledgm^t. to you, which we find him readily disposed to & have accordingly sent you herewith his Confession which we recommend to you & trust will meet with your Acceptance. We doubt not, Brethren, your Concern for the Peace & Welfare of this place & trust you will with all due Tenderness consider the Difficulties & Temptations they & M^r. Robbins in particular have been under & make all the Allowances for them which christian Compassion dictates.

"You are not insensible of *the Disputes relating to our Right of Judicature in this Case*. We have not undertaken to judge in the Case, but we hope that as the most judicious men in the country are divided in their opinions concerning it, you will [not] think it strange that M^r. Robbins should be most influenced by the Advice of those that agreed with him in Judgment in this Case, but will consider this as excusing some Things in his Conduct & particularly his not having sooner offered his Confession, & *not urge him to a more particular Explanation of the general Expressions in his Confession*.

"On the whole as we are of opinion that this Confession is sufficient (all Circumstances considered) to maintain the honor of Religion & of Ecclesiastical Discipline, we would as Mediators intreat you to accept it as such & accordingly take off the Censure you have inflicted on M^r. Robbins. We remain

"In a pleasing Hope & Expectation

"Your Brethren & Servants

"In the name & by order of the Council

"NOAH HOBART

"SOL^o. WILLIAMS

} Scribes

"South Branford

"Sept. 17, 1748.

"To the Rev. Consoc. of New Haven County:—

"I the Subscriber do humbly acknowledge that I have not duely attended to some Gospel Rules in my Ministry as I ought to have done, contrary to the desire of two neighb^s. Ministers & a great number of Chh. members, & so upon consideration I think I may own it disorderly—also I have prayed on a fast day at the Separation at New Haven with such who I suspect have separated from the Rev. M^r. Noyes in a disorderly manner. As to the Articles of bad Doctrine, w^e. have been charged against me & s^d. to be proved when I was not present to answer for myself; tho' I am not conscious to myself of expressing myself as there charged, yet I would suspect myself at least that I used sundry unguarded Expressions which might give occasion to my dissatisfied Brethren to take up Things as they did, & do

from my heart condemn all these bad Doctrines & especially all those that are contrary to the 3^d., 5th. & 9th. Commands.

"I acknowl. many wrong steps in my Conduct & in some Instances have not been altogether free from enthusiastic Influences. I have been too uncharitable towards Ministers & People, and for all Things in my Ministry that have been wrong I ask forgiveness of the holy God & of the Rev^d. Consoc. & of my people especially those that have been offended & am willing a Copy hereof shd. be put into the hands of my dissatisfied Brethren. And upon the whole I am sorry I did not offer this before.

"PHILEMON ROBBINS

"Branford, Sept. 17, 1748."

N. LONDON.

. . . 1722. N^o. N. L.¹ set off. Rev. James Hillhouse installed Oct^o. 3, 1722. ("The Rev. M^r. Adams of N. L. preached fr. Acts 16, 19") by the Rev. M^r. Adams of N. L., the Rev. M^r. Whiting of Windham, the Rev. M^r. Buckley of Colchester, & Rev. M^r. Woodbridge of Groton. The Chh. gathered about same Time—the Chh. Cov^t. subscribed by six Members. Rev. David Jewett ordained Oct. 3, 1739 by Rev. Mess. Adams of N. L., Lord of Norwich, Willes of Norw., Wight of Norw.—M^r. Lord preached Jn^o. 21, 15.

The Episcopalians entered Articles of Agreem^t. Sept. 25, 1725. Rev^d. M^r. Seabury first Miss^y. Ap. 10, 1732, removed to L. Isld. 1743. 1748, March 26, Rev. Matt. Graves came.

SUFFIELD.

. . . 1737, West Parish. Chh. gathered Nov. 10, 1743. Rev^d. Jn^o. Graham ord. 22 Oct. 1746 first Pastor. Separates begun 1747, first preacher Joseph Hastings, lay—ord. Apr. 18, 1750, turned baptist. Succeeded by Israel Holly, lay, ordained June 19, 1763, whose Congreg^a. about fifty Families.

BR. BRADLEY'S CHILDREN.²

Chauncy, b. March 23, 1760; Esther Stiles, July 14, 1761; Lucy, b. May 16, 1768; Leverett, b. Aug. or Sept. 21, 1769.

Jn^o. Turner, Æt. 66, tells me he was not at M^r. Noyes Ord. but saw & heard his Father of Stoningt^o. preach at New Haven in a

¹ Now Montville.

² Children of Lemuel and Esther (Stiles) Bradley, of Mount Carmel.

black Cap the next Sabb. after Ord. This shews he was present. . . .

Rev. Jn^o. Wilson, B^o.; Son Rev. Jn^o. D^o. jun., Pastor Medford; Son D^r. Jn^o. D^o., Brantree; Son Jn^o. D^o. Pastor Elect of Cong. Chh. Swanzy (alias now Warren) died here & buried at Rehoboth. Never ord. His Sister Eliz^a. married Sam^l. Low of Warren & his Widow married Rev. M^r. Torry, first Pastor Warren.

Jn^o. Wilson, Son of Elect Pastor, was educated at Harv. Coll. & settled in Sherburn to practice Physic—Eminent.

The Library of first Min. or most of 'em descended into hands of M^{rs}. Low. Upon her Decease, in hands Sam^l. Low & rescued fr. &c. by Rev. M^r. Townsend. Rescued not a Quarter of MSS.

July 16, 1770. . . . Rev. Noah Newman of Rehoboth died . . Ap. 16, 1678, by Hobart MS. Rev. Sam^l. Angier ord. May 1679, dismissed Oct. 1693. Then he removed & settled in Min^r. in Watertown, but first lived at Cambridge till recover'd Health: when his house was burnt at Cambridge, the Records & papers respecting the Chh. at Rehoboth burnt also . . Had fifteen Children.

Ex ore Rev. M^r. Hyde de Rehob.

Walpole Chh. gathered July 2, 1730, of ten Men. Rev. Phillips Payson ord. Sept. 16, 1730. Sac^rt. once in six Weeks thro' year. Sing N. E. Version. Weekly Lect., six Ministers of the Vicinity. Sac^rt. Lect. frydy. Relations written, but at first voted indifferent, but none admitted without. About 60 Males & 100 fem. Communicants.

Ex ore Pastoris.

Rev. Amos Toppan ord. Aug. 18, 1762, first Chh., Kingston, New Hamp.

Ex ore suo.

Rev^d. M^r. Toppan of Kingston was born at Newbury first Chh.; when his Uncle Tappan was Pastor it was practice there to baptize all whose parents were bapt. (except cand.) without Cov^t. or any other profess. So pract. in M^r. Tappan's day & in M^r. Tucker's, the present Pastor. So also in M^r. Lowell's Chh.

M^r. Parsons Chh. Presb. yet he orally addresses what he calls Cov^t. at first Baptism—afterwards Exhort^a. at every Baptism.

EXTRACTS FR. PRINCE MSS. FOLLOW.

. . . French Chh. dissolved at B^o. 7 March 1748.

Attest STEPH. BOUTINEAU.

. . . Rev. Sam^l. Smith¹ an ord. Min. of Crank in Lebanon almost seven years. Lunatic.

Ex sua Epistola ad D. Prince.

Rev. W^m. Billing ord. Pastor Windham Village Connecticut, June 5, 1723, day of Gath^d. the Chh. 17 Males then, 47 A. D. 1730 & 70 Fam. . . .

Latin MS. Diary of Rev. M^r. Brinsmead, Pastor Marlboro, for 1682. Texts in orig. Heb. & Greek—excellently written.² . .

About 30 Fam. in S^o. p^t. Dorchester had preach^d. 1703. M^r. Joseph Morse preached steadily fr. 1707. Estab. a Precinct 1715. Chh. gath^d. Oct^o. 30, 1717, twenty Males, & same day M^r. Morse ord. Named Town of Stoughton 1726. M^r. Morse dism. Sept. 20, 1727, with Advice Counsel.

S^o. BRANTREE.

The T^o. divided into 2 Precincts N^o. & S^o. 1708/9—since w^c. the S^o. again divided. Sep. 10, 1707, Rev. Hugh Adams ord. Pastor S^o. Chh. The reason why ord. before T^o. divided because N^o. part unwilling to release S^o. . S^o. Chh. gath^d. nine Males. M^r. Adams dismissed Sept., 1710. Rev. Sam^l. Niles ord. May 23, 1711, when 29 Male Communicants—now 1729 are 47. In 1711 were 71 Fam., in 1729 153 Fam. most of them born in the Precinct. Sixty Twin Children in 18 years.

NEEDHAM, C^o. SUFFOLK.

Gradually settling from about 1680, called Dedham Woods. Set off fr. Dedham & made T^o. 1711, about 49 Fam.; now 78 in 1729.

¹ Yale Coll. 1713.

² Cf. *Proceedings of Massachusetts Historical Society*, 2d Series, iv, 298-301.

Chh. gathered by Rev. Jos. Belcher March 20, 1719/20, Males 20.
Rev. Jon^a. Townsend called Dec. 29, 1719, ord. Mar. 23,
1719/20.

HADDAM.

T^o. purchased 1662, N^o. Shares 28. Present N^o. of Families in
old T^o. 91, A. D. 1729. Chh. gathered Nov. 14, 1700, Males 14,
now 37, viz., in old Chh. . . .

Walpole. A Chh. gathered, consisting of ten Males July y^e 2^d.,
1730. I ordained y^r. Pastor Sep^{ber}. 16, 1730.

PHILLIPS PAYSON.

This given 1770.

For y ^e year	Marriages	Births	Deaths	Baptisms	Owning of Covenant	Communi- cants
1730	one	13	7	44	10	28
1731	6	24	5	26	2	8
1732	3	17	3	13	3	3
1733	1	21	7	19	0	4
1734	2	25	12	26	0	2
1735	3	25	5	25	3	7
1736	5	17	2	19	1	2
1737	3	3	17	14	1	2
1738	5	27	5	21	0	4
1739	2	18	3	16	3	17
1740	1	19	4	20	0	4
1741	3	13	7	29	1	28
1742	3	24	4	27	1	9
1743	5	16	4	17	0	2
1744	3	17	2	19	0	3
1745	2	15	1	17	2	1
1746	2	21	4	26	2	4
1747	4	13	4	16	0	0
1748	2	26	16	32	10	10
1749	4	18	9	19	4	9
1750	8	16	7	21	2	8
1751	6	29	10	38	4	7
1752	1	14	2	19	2	3
1753	5	28	8	23	0	1
1754	7	22	8	25	2	5
1755	3	15	5	16	0	7
1756	10	25	12	30	0	5
1757	5	17	7	22	4	2
1758	3	29	11	26	0	4
1759	5	20	6	22	0	7

1760	9	27	4	29	4	0
1761	7	22	9	19	2	3
1762	4	27	12	22	0	5
1763	7	30	5	18	0	3
1764	4	25	9	20	0	2
1765	5	29	11	23	0	4
1766	3	27	11	18	0	7
1767	4	27	6	15	0	13
1768	9	28	12	12	0	2
1769	4	26	7	24	0	2

THE CHURCH COVENANT.

Whereas you be willing to enter into a holy Covenant with God & his People in this Church,

You Promise by the Grace & help of Christ to deny yourself & all your former pollutions & corruptions, wherein you have walked & so to give up yourself unto the Lord Jesus, makeing him your only Priest & atonement, your only prophet & guide, your only King & Lawgiver & to walk before him & profess subjection to all his holy ordinances according to the rule of the Gospel in this Church.

And to walk with this Church & the members thereof in brotherly Love & mutual edification & according to God.

Then we promise you, in the Name of this Church, by the grace & help of Christ likewise to walk towards you in brotherly love & holy watchfulness to the mutual building up one another in the fellowship of the Lord Jesus.

And even he the Good Lord and God that Keepeth Covenant & mercy with thousands of his People make us all herein faithful unto him & one unto another for his own name's sake.

Extracted July 1770 from Chh. Records of Old first Chh. Boston.

The first Chh. of X in Dedham was gathered on y^e 8th of Nov^r. 1638. Eight Persons laid y^e Foundation of it, who made Professⁿ. of their Faith & Christian Experiences; and entred into Cov^t. with y^e Lord & one with another.

April 24, 1639. John Huntting one of y^e B. was ordained to y^e Office of a Ruling Elder by Fasting & Prayer & y^e laying on of y^e Hands of M^r. John Allin their Pastor elect and two other Breth-

ren. The same Day M^r. John Allin was ordained to y^e office of Pastor by Prayer & y^e laying on of y^e Hands of y^e Ruling Elder & two other Brethren.

The office of Ruling Elder was not continued in y^e Chh. after y^e Death of y^e first one M^r. John Hunting.

I find not y^t. any Deacons after y^e first were ordained to Office.

The Chh. at first required an oral Profession of Xan Faith & Experiences of these y^t. offered them^s. to join in Commⁿ. After a few years a written Relation was required for y^e Satisfactⁿ. of y^e. Chh. as to y^e. Meetness of Persons for Admissⁿ. into y^e. Chh. This continued in Practice till y^e. year 1742 when it was left discretionary with y^e. Persons offering themselves to Commuⁿ. to make Relations or instead y^{of}, to give publick Consent to a Confession of Faith to be read to them.

M^r. John Allin y^e first Pastor was ordained April 24, 1639, and died Aug^t. 26, 1671. M^r. William Adams y^e. 2^d. Pastor was ordained Dec^r. 3^d., 1678. Ord. by Neighb. Pastors, no Brethren . . .

D^r. Chauncy ord. Oct. 25, 1727. , M^r. Foxcroft began Prayer. M^r. Cha^r. preached, Mat. 28, 20. M^r. Thatcher prayed, then M^r. Coleman Mod^r. & gave Charge & prayed & D^r. Mather Right Hand.

Rev. Tho. Foxcroft ord. Nov. 20, 1717. D^r. Cott. Mather began prayer, M^r. Foxcroft preached. M^r. Coleman prayed. D^r. Increase, D^r. Cott., M^r. Colem., M^r. Sewal, with Pastor Wadsworth imposed hands; M^r. Wadsw. prayed & gave Charge, D^r. Increase gave R. hand.

Extr. Records B^o. first or old Chh.

BOSTON CHH. RECORDS.

"In the name of our Ld. J. C. & in Obed. to his holy Will & divine Ordinance.

"We whose names are hereunto written, being by his most wise & good Provid. brot together into this part of America in the Bay of Massachusetts, & desirous to unite ourselves into one Congregation or Chh., under the Ld. J. C. our head in such sort as becometh all those whom he hath redeemed & sanctified to himselfe, do hereby solemnly & religiously (as in his most holy presence) promise & bind ourselves to walke in all our wayes accord^t to the Rule of the Gospell & in all sincere Conformity to his holy

Ordinances & in mutual Love & respect each to other, so neere as God shall give us Grace."

Signed, 148 Male & female.

"From hence followeth the Names of those Members of our Chh. whoe desiringe Dismission from the Congregation to enter into a new Chh. body at Charlestowne, did solemnly seeke for direction herein upon the iith day of the 8th. Moneth 1632 & were accord^d. dismissed upon the 14th day of the same being the Ldsday."

33.

Then follow names of further admissions. . . .

M^r. Tillinghast of Providence was a Baptist; upon becoming Sandimanian, he took his Family down to B^o. & there he & they all were baptized by Sprinkling. This has made a Division; there are Pædobapt. Sandimanians, & one man & two women bapt. Sand.; these last worship separately, & say they think no body else will go to heaven. . . .

Sept., 1770. The Chh. of New Camb.,¹ alias 4th. Soc^y. in farmington, gathered Aug. 4, 1747, present M^r. Whitman Farm. & Curtiss of S^o.thington carried on Fast^s. &c. Rev. Sam^l. Newell ordained Aug^t. 12, 1747, Chhs. sent to, Windsor Chh. M^r. Marsh, Hartf^d. S^o. M^r. Whitman, West M^r. Colton, Bolton M^r. White, Farm^{ton} M^r. Whitman who preached 2 Tim^o. II. 2, South^{ton} M^r. Curtiss, Wintonb^y. M^r. Bissel. M^r. Marsh prayed dur^s. Impos. of hands & gave the Charge, M^r. Whitman of Hartford gave right hand Fellowship.

Ex ore M^r. Newell.

. . . REV. JN^o. FOOT ORD. CHESHIRE MAR. 12, 1767.

Baptisms	149	} to Sept. 10, 1770.
Deaths	61	
Admiss.	53	
Marriages,	20 Couples.	

Sept. 1770. Milford called M^r. Tutor Wales. Voters present 108 of w^o. 104 for M^r. Wales. Voted £300. Settlem^t. and £120. Salary.

¹ Now Bristol, Conn.

M^r. Chauncy & M^r. Whittelsey draughted M^r. Hall Cheshire Doct. of Faith & Cov^t. at Time of gather^s. Chh. . . Father Stiles took the same fr. M^r. Hall & M^r. Meriden Hall took the same.

M^r. Cheshire Hall & Father Stiles preached fast & gathered Chh. Meriden.

Ex ore M^r. Hall.

. . . One Flock in Branford 700, another 1,000 Sheep,—& this not half the Sheep. . . .

SAYBROOK SETTLERS.

Till 1648 lived on a Neck equal one mile Sq^r. . . That y^r. agreed to divide whole T^o.ship into 4 Quarters. Appointed Committee Jn^o. Clark, W^m. Hyde, W^m. Pratt, Tho^o. Tracy, Matthew Griswold. Lay out on Eight Thous^d. Pounds Estate. Township granted at Hartf^d. "by the Country."

From T^o. Records.

W^m. Beamont from Carlisle came over with Sir Richard Saltonstall & was his Taylor. He married Lydia Danforth, Dec^r. 9, 1643, Sister to Dep. Gov. Danforth. Their first Child Lydia born 9th. of March 1644 by Record. Tradit., She first female Child born in Sayb.—her father went to hartford for the Granny . .

Ex Ore Sq^r. Tully. . . .

List of Estate of Sayb. 29 Sep. 1662 was £6,576. on "Seventy one persons" Taxables, about sixty families. . . .

Town Records begin 1661 . . . Aug. 20, 1662, Meet^s.—"granted to M^r. Peck an hundred pounds Accomodation both upland & Meadow." He bought eight acres & built on it. "The T^o. doth also grant unto M^r. Peck accord^s to former Agreem^t. that the Estate of fifty five pounds w^c. is delivered him in a house bought & Land purchased by him as his owne proper Estate to dispose of provided he keep & perform the Terms in an Agreem^t. in writ^s between him & the Town w^c. is as followeth"—"this 25 Sept. 1661. It is agreed &c." M^r. Jeremiah Peck was to have £100. Settlem^t. in Lands in fee, & £55. in house & Lot conditionally, viz. that he continued five years in "Improv^s his Labours intended by us & himself in the Work of the Ministry." But if he removed in the 5 years then s^d. £55. to revert—, he reserves power to remove. "M^r.

Peck doth hereby engage to settle amongst us improv^s himself diligently &c." but in case he shd. conceive he hath a Call of God—refer to Indifferent Men chose by him & the Town. Salary £60. per ann. whereof 2 Firkins Butter, rest in Corn & flesh at price current & increase Mainten^a. if necess^y.

Voted 26 Janry. 1662. Jn^o. Whittelsey entertained a free Inhab. of the T^o. & free Lib^y to set up his Trade of Tanning.

30 Janry. 1665. Controversy with M^r. Peck settled, the T^o. confirm & "give him full possess. of his Accomod^a." Suppose he left them.

Agreem^t. T^o. & M^r. Tho^s. Buckingham dated Feb. 14, 1665. Settlem^t. buy M^r. Peck's house estimated £95. ster. & give him £60. of it, s^d. Buck^m. pay^s. £35. Sal^y. £60. sterl^s. per ann. in provisions confirmed by T^o. 5 Mar. 1665 & at same Meet^s. Lyme separated hav^s. Competency of Land for thirty families.

May 10, 1709, Vote "Entertain^s the Elders who were helpful in carry^s. on the fast last past." . .

Dec. 2, 1709. Town called M^r. Azariah Mather to Work of the Min^y: Feb. 15, 1709/10. Voted £100. Sal^y., Wheat 6/, Rye 3/6, Ind. 3/, Pork 3^d, Beef 2^d, Two Thirds in Money. Mar. 27, 1710. Voted £80. Sal^y for 2 y., £100. per ann. next 2 y., then £120. per ann. dur^s. min^y. in Wheat, &c. Settlem^t. £250. M^r. Mather gave his Answer June 13, 1710.

Sayb., Sept. 9th. 1710. At a Town Meet^s. orderly warned it was voted that the Town will concur with the Chh. in the ordination of M^r. Mather.

"Anno Domini 63, feb. 2.

"Respected & loving Friends the Inhab. & Planters of Seabroke, I understand & that from divers that there is much Dissatisfaction with Reference to mysele in respect of my proced^s. in the Min^y. at least to a Settlem^t. & that there are desires in many to provide themselves with a more able Help: I doe freely leave myself to the Providence of God & the Tho'ts of his people: & so far as I am any wayes concerned herein I doe leave the Towne wholly to their own Lib^y. to provide for themselves as God shall direct: & with respect to lay^s. aside the future Term of years expressed in the Covenant, as alsoe of laying me aside from an Employment of so great a Concernm^t. I do desire that these Things may be duly considered & dealt tenderly in, that I may not be rendered useless

in further Service for God: altho' I am unworthy to be improved.
So I am yours in what I may as God shall please to direct & enable.

"JEREMIAH PECK."

Extracts Saybrook Town Records.

Aged Col. Sam^l. Willard of Saybrook, now Æt. 78, tells me, Tradition is that M^r. Buckingham was ordained by Lay^s. on hands of Rev. M^r. Pierson of Killingworth, M^r. Pratt & M^r. William Parker, Lay Brethren. M^r. Parker Deacon, M^r. Pratt not. Col. Willard says no others assisted. Parker not Deacon at Time of Ord. Col^o. remembers M^r. Mather's Ord.; he had never been joyn'd to any Chh. before & was taken into fellowship at Time of his own Ordin^a.; he remembers Rev. M^r. Eliot of Killingw. assisted in M^r. Mather's Ord. but don't rememb. others—only that none but Ministers laid on hands.

M^r. Hart says Deacon Bushnell was one of the antient Deacons in M^r. Fitch's Day. Col. Will^d. says M^r. Fitch had majority of Chh. & about half the people. Tradition that that part of the people driven off by Blackbirds.—Real Reason of mov^s. was, Norwich better Land.

Tradit. that in M^r. Fitch's Day there was an Elder, M^r. Robert Chapman, an able Man, used to sit in the Pulpit with Pastor; he staid at Saybrook after M^r. Fitch went away.

Col. Willard a Descend^t. from M^r. Hezekiah Willard, one of settlers came to Hartf^d. with M^r. Hooker, died there before M^r. Hooker died. Great Grandf. to Col^o. He says Rev. Moses Noyes was first Min. of Lyme, a great & valuable Man, greater Divine than Stonington Noyes who was greatest Politician & oldest.

M^r. Hart says Tradit. is that Elder Chapman & M^r. Buckingham differed much. M^r. Buck. led Chh. to vote Gr. Children bapt.; Elder opposed. So tired out of Elders & Sayb. never had any since.

M^r. Rob^t. Chapman arrived at Boston 1635, Dec. 26, came to Saybrook "begin^s Aprill, 1636, where I have remained to this day." At or about time Pequod War M^r. Higginson preached there. M^r. Chapman wrote a religious Legacy of two sheet & half for his Children, dated Sept. 6, 1687, & died Oct. 13, 1687. This I take to be Elder Chapman. All the Sayb. Chapmans descend from him. I read his MS.

Deacon Joshua Bushnell, now of Sayb., born there Nov., 1690, tells me that he remembers Deacon Nath^l. Chapman was ordained by Imposit^a. hands of Rev. M^r. Buckingham Pastor & Deacon W^m. Parker not long before M^r. Buck. his Death. Deacon Bushnell remembers Saybrook Synod, & that it was held at M^r. Bucking^b. house. . . .

Deacon Francis Bushnell first Deacon of Sayb. first Chh. was Uncle to present Deacon Joshua's Father. There is now 1770 Sam^l. Bushnel Deacon of M^r. Holmes' Chh. Potepaugue or 2^d. Society his Descend^t. fr. first Deacon. Four Brothers Bushnell came to N. Eng. first, Francis oldest. Three settled Sayb. of w^c. one went to Norwich—one settled at Boston.

Deac. Bush. says M^r. Buck. was Congregational & Sayb. Chh. Cong.—that the Agreem^t. of Cong. & Presb. mixt all up together, & so they rec^d. it.

Sept. 6, 1770.

SEP. 6, 1770, AT M^r. TODD'S.

Milford Chh. (not Moderator) by Letters missive fr. the Chh. to the several Chhs. & Pastors, called in all the Consociation of N. H. County to advise in M^r. Whittelsey's Ord. 1737, and M^r. Whitman & D^r. Eliot & their Chhs. of Consoc. of Hartf^d. & N. Lond. They chose M^r. Whitman & ——— Moderators & agreed to sit *not* as Consoc.

Ex ore M^r. Todd who was sent to but did not go. Rev. M^r. Jn^o. Graham & some other Min. present but not of Ord. Counc. waited on Gov. Law, one of the Chh., & offered to go & ord. M^r. Whittelsey while the Council were disput^a.

M^r. Todd & I reckon all the Ordin^a. in N. H. County from 1709 to 1758 or fr. Sayb. Platf. to D^r. Dana's Ord. & found 27 of w^c. none but Milf^d. have least appear^a. of Consociation—but Ord. Council chose promiscuously & sent for directly by the Chh. . . .

"At a Council of y^e Elders & Messengers of the Chhs. of New Haven, Milford, Derby, East Guilford in the County of New Haven in New England convened at Branford Aprill the 13th. 1709.

"Present, Elders, the Reve^d. S. Andrew, J. Pierpont, S. Russell, J. Moss, J. Hart: Messengers, from N. Haven church, J. Ponder-son, A. Bradly; from Milford Church, D. Buckingham, S. Eels;

from Branford Church, J. Rose, P. Tyler; from Derby Church, J. Nickols; from East Guilford Church, N. Bradly.

"After invocation on the Lord for his gracious presence and conduct, the Revrd. Sam^l. Andrew & James Pierpont chosen Moderators. The R. Joseph Moss was chosen Scribe.

"Ordered and Voated y^t. a Record be made of all Voates, and determinations y^t. shall be made by this Councill.

"Whereas Communion of Saints is an appointed and sanctified Means of christian Edification, and communion of Churches a principall means for the preservation of y^e peace, order, establishment and consolation of the Churches, considering also notwithstanding the wise and pious care of our reverend fathers the Founders of these Churches to assert the duty of such communion by giving the right hand of fellowship to s^d. churches, y^t. yet through the Corruption of the Times, too great Slackness and inadvertency of our hearts, our severall Churches have of late bin over remiss in making a due use of s^d. means. Therefore humbling ourselves before God and begging his forgiveness thro' our Lord Jesus X for past omissions, We now whose Names are here specified for ourselves and in the behalfe of the several Churches from whence we doe come, according to the Method agreed on by the Councill of all the Churches in this Colony met at Say-brooke Septem^r. the 9th. 1708, do (untill we shall otherwise agree,) form ourselves into one Consociation and thro' the Strength of X (without whome we can do nothing) promise for the future, we will better mutually watch over each other, and be ready at all times, according to the rule of God his Word, to be helpfull to each other, in the service and work of the Kingdome of our Lord X, as we may have Opportunity for the same, and be called thereunto according to the s^d. method and rules agreed on at s^d. Councill at Say-Brooke.

"Some members desireing the Councill's sense of severall Articles in the written Method of manageing Discipline, as it was agreed on by the Councill at Say-brooke Sept. 9th, 1708.

"Voated as followeth.

"1. As to the first Article we conclude, if the Majority of the Brethren do not consent, the Elders cannot proceed to act, if the Elder cannot consent, the fraternity cannot proceed, in which Case its proper to seek Counsell.

"2. The 2^d Article we understand to be an Explanation and revivall of y^t. duty engaged by our Churches when they give the right hand of fellowship.

"3. By all Cases of Scandall we suppose such Cases as need a Councill for their determination.

"4. A major part of the Elders we suppose necessary, as in a particular Church the Brethren cannot act without the Elder so in a Council, the Messengers may not make an Act of Council without the Elders or the major part of them.

"5. Shall see y^r. determination &c. i. e. shall by themselves or some of y^r. number deputed thereunto, observe whether y^r. Counsell sought of God in this way be complied with or refused.

"6. Contempt of Counsell sought or offered in a way of God must be scandalous or a just offence to be dealt in; and y^t. Clause, viz. the Churches are to approve of s^d. Sentence &c. we understand as the Platform expresseth it, viz. the Churches being informed of the Council's Judgement, and the Churches approving s^d. Sentence then the Non Communion to be declared; without approbation of Churches, y^r. cant be a non communion of s^d. Churches.

"7. The 7th. Article only provides for joyning 2 Councils in weighty, difficult, and dangerous Cases.

"8. Churches may call a Council before yy proceed to censure, if they see cause, but without y^r. allowance no particular person shall have a council before Excommunication.

"9. That as no members of a council can remain such for longer than one year, so the Churches may choose new Messengers for every Council if they see cause.

"10. The 10th. Article directs to the calling the first Council and adjourning the same not beyond a year, and how a further Council may afterwards be called.

"11th. Article shews how persons concerned may be obliged to attend with their Cases and Evidence on a Council.

"12th. Article is a revivall of our former Ministers' Meetings, for the ends and good services formerly aimed, w^hin our people did rejoyce for a season and hope yet will.

"13th. Article shews how a Minister offending may be proceeded against till by the Council of y^e Consociation he be reclaimed or removed from his Office.

"A trew Coppy of the Acts of Council.

"Test. JOSEPH NOYES Scribe"

"We the Subscribers do affirm the Writeing within contained with the Attestation is in the Rev^d. M^r. Joseph Moss's own hand Writing; so far as we can know a man's handwriting.

"SAMUEL WHITTLESEY

JOSEPH NOYES

THOMAS RUGGLES."

Copied by Ezra Stiles at Guilford Sept. 7, 1770, from the original in M^r. Moss's handwriting, in the hands of the Rev^d. Tho^s. Ruggles Pastor of the 1st. church in Guilford.

M^r. WARH. MATHER'S LIBRARY.¹

. . . Most of the Books written in "Nathaniel Mather," some "Warham Mather." I saw none Davenport. The Catalogue is fourteen pages folio of 40 Lines to a page; which may imply half a Thous^d. Volumes. There are left I judge about 300 Volumes, the English books mostly selected. The Catalogue or Invent^y. taken 19 Aprill 1745—at length. I counted cursorily 270 Volumes—And yet M^r. Jn^o. Davenport who keeps them says he judges not half the Books taken away. So the Libr^y originally not above 5 or 600 Volumes.

Extracts from Wethersfield Town Records given me by Rev^d. M^r. Lockwood Pastor, who says there are no Chh. Records preserved in that Chh. Sep. 13, 1770.

. . . January 2, 1649, this Day M^{rs}. Smith had by the Consent of the Town her Rates set free during her widowhood or till such Time as the Town should see fit.

At a Town Meeting the 16th. Day of April 1658, it was voted that six men should be chosen to treat with M^r. Russell to know whether he doth intend to remove from us or to tarry with us, & to return Answer to the Town.

April, 1661, it was voted & agreed that M^r. Cotton shall have £70 for the Year Ensuing & his house Rent free, & the Use of five Acres of Meadow & his wood cut & carted to his House.

Sept^r. 23^d. 1662, it was agreed by the Town that the Townsmen shall hire the House that M^r. Cotton now liveth in for the Use of M^r. Cotton until his Year be out.

July 24th. 1663, at a Town Meeting it was voted & agreed that M^r. Hollister & Sam. Bordman shall treat with M^r. Haynes to obtain him to preach at Wethersfield for some Time.

Sept^r. 14th. 1664. A Town Meeting at Wethersfield—at this it was voted & agreed by the Church & Town to give M^r. Willoughby seventy pounds for this ensuing Year & the Use of that Land which is called the Church's Land, and a house to dwell in and also to pay for the Transportation of his Family and Goods—and it was

¹ Warham Mather (Harvard 1685), a son of Eleazer, and nephew of Increase Mather, married a daughter of John Davenport, Jr., and spent his later life in the old Davenport house in New Haven.

also voted & agreed if it shall please God so to unite our hearts together that M^r. Willoughby shall settle among us to be our Minister that then the Town will add to his Maintenance as God shall enable—It was also voted & agreed that if M^r. Willoughby shall not like us or we not like him to be our Minister that then the Town pay for his Transportation back again to the Bay.

July 13th. 1666, voted & agreed by the Town to give M^r. Bulkly for his encouragement in the work of the Ministry among us the sum of three score & ten pounds for this ensuing Year—and the Use of the Town Lands, as also to provide a convenient house for him, & to bear the Charges of his Transportation with his family & Goods from New London. . . .

At a Town Meeting Jan^{ry} 13, 1679. At this Meeting it was voted by the Inhabitants of Wethersfield that M^r. Woodbridge shall have one hundred pounds & the Use of the parsonage Land as long as he continues to be our Minister . . . In Dec^r. 23^d, 1691, it was voted & agreed that M^{rs}. Woodbridge should have twenty five Pounds this Year for her maintenance to be raised by way of Rate of the Inhabitants of this Town. . .

REV. JAMES LOCKWOOD ORDAIN'D FEB. 28, 1738/9, BY

Chh. Haddam	M ^r . Hosmer	Charge
Middlet ^o .	M ^r . Russell	Preachd, Say to Archippus, &c.
Glassenb.	Ash. Woodbr.	
Stepney	Dan ^l . Russel	Right Hand
Newington	Simon Backus	
Middlet ^o .	M ^r . Bartlet	

Ex ore M^r. Lockwood

3 Eminent Ministers &c. Anecdote from M^r. Todd of E. Guilf^d.
The *Street* must be *broad*—the *Bridge* must be *wood*—tho' much better is firm *Stone*.

Broadstreet } Presbyterians
Woodbridge }
Stone—firm Congregationalist.

THE DOCTRINE OF FAITH.

I doe believe &c.

1: Concerning the Scriptures. That the holy Scriptures are the very Word of God, containing in them all things needful to Salvation, and are a perfect Rule of Faith and Manners.

2: Concerning God. That there is one infinite & eternal God, who is Almighty, most Wise, Holy, Just, Mercifull & Blessed forever, Distinguished into three Persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.

3: Concerning the Works of God. That from all Eternity God hath unchangably Decreed within Himself how all things shall come to pass; hath Elected a certain Number of Men to Salvation thro' Christ; that in the Beginning he made the World of Nothing and created Man in his own Image; also that he Provides for all his Creatures, especially Believers.

4: Concerning the Fall of Man. That our first Parents being Tempted of the Devil, did wilfully fall into Disobedience, by eating of the forbidden Fruit, by which Sin came into the World & death by sin; so that all Men since the Fall are wholly corrupted with Original and Actual Sin, & are subject to all Miseries, Corporal, Spiritual and eternal.

5: Concerning Redemption by Jesus Christ. That merely the Elect are reconciled to God thro Christ Jesus, saved by the Grace of God thro Faith in Christ Jesus, who as their Surety by paying a sufficient Price, redeemed them out of a State of Sin & Death into an Estate of Righteousness and Life.

6: Concerning the Person of Jesus Christ. That He is both God and Man in one Person; as God he is the eternal Son of God; as Man he was in all things like unto us, sin only excepted.

7: Concerning the Offices of Christ. That He was called of God to be the Mediator of the Covenant of Grace, and was anointed to be the Prophet, Priest, and King of his Church, a Prophet to Teach them in the Way of Truth, and Peace, a Priest that he might satisfy by sacrificing Himself, and by Interceding for them, a King to gather them together into Eternal Life.

8: Concerning Effectual Calling. That all that are Elected & Redeemed are Effectually Called to Christ by his Word and Spirit whereby they are seperated from Sin and Self and United to Christ by Faith in Him; And that all Believers do Pertake of the grace of Justification, Adoption, Sanctification, & Glorification.

9: Concerning a particular Church. That altho all Believers are Members of that Militant Church of which Christ is the Head; yet it is the Duty of every Believer to Joyn himself to some particular visible Church, that so he may enjoy the Ordinances of God therein, which being dependant upon Christ hath Power to choose

its own Officers, Pastors, Teachers, Elders, Deacons; and also to receive in Members and cast out according to Rule.

10: Concerning the moral Law. That the moral Law contained summarily in the ten Commandments, altho' it be not a Covenant of Life yet it is a Rule of Life to all Believers commanding all duties & forbidd^g. all Sin: which therefore a Christian is bound to yield Obed. unto: Endeav^r always in all Things to have a Conscience void of offence towards God & towards Man; seeking for that blessed hope & glorious appear^g. of our Sav^r. J. C. who shall come again to judge the World at the great day of the Resurrection: whenas the wicked shall arise to the Resurrect. of Condemnⁿ. and the godly to the Resurrect. of Eternal Life.

THE COVENANT.

"You do in the presence of the Great & everliving God & of his people here, give up yourself & yours first unto the Ld. avouching him to be your God in J. C. and you give up yourself & yours to his Church here to walk together with us in the attending of all the Duties & Enjoym^t. of all the privileges that are to be attended & enjoyed in a particular visible Chh. as God shall enable you by his Grace.

"We do Receive you as a fellow Member of this Chh. unto the Enjoym^t. of all the privileges of God's house: & do promise by his Grace to carry it towards you as such an one."

The above are the *Doctrine of Faith & Chh. Cov^t*. immemorially & now used in the Chh. of Guilford under the pastoral Care of Rev^d. Mess^{rs}. Ruggles & F^owler, Successors of Rev. Hen. Whitfield first Pastor: and according to Tradition composed by him.

Copied here by Rev. M^r. Fowler & Ezra Stiles, Sept. 7, 1770.

"Do you acknowl. these now read to be your Experiences?

"Do you give your assent to the Doctrine of Faith as received in this Chh.?

"Brethren, if you are so satisfied with this person as you are will^g. to receive him into your full Communion, I desire you would signify it by your usual sign of holding up the hands.

"It remains that you enter into Cov^t. with God & his people here."

Since Relations were dropt the following address is made.

"Do you now publicly before God & his people profess your faith in & Subjection to the Gospel of X Jesus?"

"Do you desire to receive the Lord J. C. in all his offices as offered in the Gospel for your Lord & Savior; & submit yourself only to the righteousness that is by Faith in him?"

His assent to the Doct. of Faith is publickly asked, (tho' the Doct. is not now read publickly) & then the Covenant.

NEW HAVEN FIRST CHH.

March 1, 1758. Rev^d. Ch. Whittelsey ord. Copastor with Rev. Jos. Noyes. Chhs. sent to for Ord. Council, all the Chhs. belong^d. to N. H., viz. E. Haven, N^o. Haven, W. H. & Amity—Cheshire, Guilf^d. first Chh. & second Chh., Milford 1st, Branford second Chh., Meriden; i. e., Ten Chhs. & Eleven Pastors (Guilf^d hav^d Colleague). Actually present all the Chhs. except East Haven, & all the Pastors of the 9 Chhs. except^d. Guilf^d., both whose Pastors were absent, but its Messenger, D^r. Ruggles, present. One Messenger from each of Chhs. present, viz.

	PASTORS	MESSENGERS
Cheshire Chh.	Rev. Sam ^l . Hall	Col. Benj. Hall
1 st . Chh. Guilf ^d .	Pastors absent	D ^r . Nath ^l . Ruggles
2 ^d . Chh. D ^o .	Rev. Jon ^a . Todd	
2 ^d . Chh. Branf ^d .	Rev. Jon ^a . Merick	Deacon Ithiel Russel
Chh of Meriden	Rev. Theoph. Hall	Cap ^t . Webb
Chh. Milford	Rev. Sam ^l . Whittelsey	Rob. Treat, Esq.
Chh. East Haven	absent	absent
Chh. N ^o . Haven	Rev. Isaac Stiles	Deacon Tho ^s . Cooper
Chh. West. H.	Rev. Nathan Birdsyr	Sam ^l . Sherman Esq.
Chh. Amity	Rev. Ben. Woodb.	Deac. Theoph. Baldwin

M^r. Hall of Merid. began with Prayer. M^r. Whitt^r. of Milf^d. preached Mat. 28, 19, 20. After Sermon M^r. Noyes, Hall & Hall, Stiles, Merick & (no more could be in pulpit) imposed Hands on the Pastor Elect, during which M^r. Cheshire Hall the Mod^r. of the Council prayed, & gave the Charge. M^r. Stiles gave the right hand of Fellowship. All the Council present Pastors & Mess. unanimous in the whole Transaction. The Letters missive signed by the Pastor & sent by the Chh. to the Chhs.

At M^r. Whitt^r's. Ord. Communicants 42 Males
75 Fem.

Admissions since to May 1770 37 Males
67 Fem.

221, of w^c sundry Deaths & Removals

Rev. Sam^l. Hall, Cheshire, attended Ord., never out of the C^o.

Ex Ore M^r. Hall, Æt. 75.

M^r. Arnold, West Haven

M^r. Allen, preached

M^r. Birdsey

M^r. Williston, Charge

M^r. Woodbridge

M^r. Street, preached, Rev. 2, 10

M^r. Trumble, N. H., Charge

M^r. Whitt^y. N. H. Charge

M^r. Sherman, Install^a.

M^r. Hawley

Ten in New Haven T^o.

M^r. Hall, Meriden—M^r. Whitt^y. Wallingf^d preached

M^r. W^{ms}. Northf^d.—M^r. W^{ms}. Springf^d. preached

M^r. Samuel Russel, Cohabit—Old M^r. Ruggles preached

M^r. Bray, Cohab.—M^r. Pitkin preached

M^r. Brownson, Oxford—M^r. Taylor preached

M^r. Goodrich

M^r. Elles, N^o. Branf^d.

M^r. Waterman, Walling^d.

M^r. Foot—M^r. Tod, Northb^y. first prayer, M^r. Merick preachd.

M^r. Humphry

M^r. Todd, N^obury, preached, M^r. Whitt^y., Sen., Charge

M^r. Trumble, W.b'y., Charge, Stiles preached

M^r. Leavenw., Waterb^y., Old M^r. Whitt^y. preached

M^r. Whitt^y. of Milf^d., his Father preached

Qu. Was he not at Ord. of Lyman Hall at Stratf^d.?

M^r. Newel of Farmingt. ordained, i. e., assisted in ordain^g., M^r. Boge, M^r. Pitkin, M^r. Clark, Kensington, M^r. Chapman of S^o.ington, Newel of Goshen & preached the Sermon, Jn^o. ult., Lovest thou me? &c. M^r. Newell & M^r. Pitkin preached fast at Southington and Kensington previous to Ordinations—& Newel & Curtiss at gather^g. Chh. at Northington. . . .

There were but two Deaths in M^t. Carmel, from that of Sister Kezia Munson Oct. 1768 to Sept. 1770. About one hundred Families in the Parish.

Sep. 1770. I visited Rev. Jon^s. Merick¹ about Æt. 73 & asked him, but he is so impaired by a paralytic Shock that he could not remember who were his Ordainers nor any thing about gathering his own Chh. . . .

Sep^t. 1770 Chh. & Cong. Milford gave a Call to M^r. Tutor Wales—108 Voters present, of w^c 104 for him. Voted £110. Sal^y. & £300. Settlem^t.

. . . ORDINATIONS IN W^c. M^r. HART ASSISTED (SAYBR.)

Mr. Seward		
Huntington, Killingw.		
Devotion	} Saybrook	prayer before Sermon Rt. Hand Rt. Hand
Holmes		
Stoddard		
Harrison		
Mason	} Inst. by Lay ^s . on hands—Prayer before Charge & R ^t . Hand	
Woodbr.; N. Lond.		Prayer bef. Charge
Lee of Norw.		Preached
Geo. Beckwith, Jun.,		for Susquehanna at large—Prayer.
		Ex Ore M ^r . Hart. . . .

Nov. 1770. M^{rs}. Sanford (afterw^{ds}. Cotton) was Sister of M^r. Sylvester of Shelter Isld. His Mother was Marg^t. Hobart a Relat. of Rev. M^r. Hobart of L. Isld. M^{rs}. Chesebro' Daughter of M^r. Sylv. told me that, upon M^{rs}. Sanf'd's Marriage a Newport Lady complimented her, that she did not know whether she might visit her as M^{rs}. Sanford was of high Blood *related to the Pope*. The Tradⁿ. is that one of M^r. Peter Hobart's Sons of Hingham was a Cardinal.

EXTRACTS FR. CHH. RECORDS LITTLE COMPTON.

Nov. 1, 1700. Rev. Peter Thatcher & Rev. Jn^s. Danforth preached there & on 3^d. of Nov. baptized sixty five persons, being the Adults & Children & Inf^{ts}. of about 12 or thirteen Families, besides 8 other single persons.

A number of well inclined persons in Little Compton desir^d. Estab. Ordinances & to become a Chh., &c. sent Letters to some of

¹Jonathan Merrick (Yale 1725), born August, 1700, ordained pastor in North Branford, Connecticut, about 1728.

the Chhs. to come by Elders & Messengers & assist in gath^e. the Chh. & ordain^e. M^r. Rich^d. Billings.¹ . . .

Nov. 29, Wednesday, 1704, was the day appointed. The Snow preventing the Rev. Elder & Messengers of Taunton Chh. coming seasonably, the Work was put off until the next day; & then the Rev. M^r. Greenwood *gathered the Church*, Mr. Danforth gave the Charge, & M^r. Sparhawk the right hand of Fellowship. M^r. Eben^r. Davenport now living 1770 & one of my Chh. in Newp^t., was born at Little Compton. He tells me he was one of the 65 persons baptized on one Day Nov. 3, 1700. He tells me he well remembers the Ord. & Gath^e. the Chh. & the disappointment &c. A great Snow & only the Chhs. of Bristol & Rehoboth come on the day. He was a little Boy & his Father left him to wait at M^r. Billings' on his Mother who was there assist^e. in cooking Victuals, & bring her home in the night. By this means he was there, viz. among the Ministers & Council till about X or XI o'clock at night before his Mother was ready to go home. It was debated &c. M^r. Sparhawk of Bristol refused to procede unless three Pastors & Chhs. present. At length they sent off M^r. Palmer at XI^h. at night in deep snow, with a press^e. Letter fr. the Council, & he rode all night, to Taunton & brought M^r. Danforth & his Mess. early next Morning—& so proceeded to Ordination. M^r. Davenport tells me that M^r. Billings preached his own Ord. Sermon on this Text—"ye are our Glory & Joy."

In gathering the Chh., there was read to the Brethren a *Confession of Faith*, and then the Chh. Cov^t. to w^{ch}. they had subscribed Nov. 1—both w^c. were prepared beforehand. But the proper Gather^e. or Embodying was on Nov. 30, 1704. Upon their publicly assenting to these or rather upon these being published as their declared *Faith & Act*, they became & were pronounced a true visible particular Chh. of Christ, &c.

In this *Confession*, & in the Covenant, there are two Expressions or Articles something singular. After speaking of particular Chhs. as Members or parts of the universal Chh., the Confession says—"We believe X hath ordained two Sacram^{ts}. to be observed in & by these Churches, viz. *Water Baptism*, & the *Lord's Supper*. Water Baptism, wherein *some part of the Body is dipd, sprinkled, or*

¹ In another place Dr. Stiles quotes from the Town Records of Little Compton votes of the choice of ministers, as follows:—Sept. 7, 1697, M^r. Eliphalet Adams; June 14, 1701, John Clark; Nov. 14, 1701, M^r. Richard Billings.

washed with Water in the Name of the Father, Son & Holy Ghost. And the Ld's. Supper as Mat. 26, 26."—The word *dipd* is erased or rather a Line drawn upon it. And I have been told that it was done many years after by M^r. Billings by vote & order & Consent of the Chh.

In the Coven^t. is this Expression or Sentence: "We do freely cov^t. & promise to further to o^r. power the spirit. good of all & every one that now shall or hereafter may become Members of this Chh. or Congreg^a. by Instruction, reprehension, Exhort^a., Consol^a. & spirit. Watchf. one over the other for good. As also to be ourselves subject unto all the Administrations & Censures of this Chh., so far as they shall be guided by God's most holy Word. *And that we will not obstruct our Pastor from administering the Seal of Baptism to such persons who are desirous of it, and to their Infants, whom he judges himself conscientiously obliged to apply it:* Provided there be nothing in the Convers^a. of the persons so desiring it, that shall be just matter of objection."

M^r. Eben. Davenport afores^d., son of Jon^a. Dav., one of the Signers of the Chh. Cov^t. 1704. This Eben. I say tells me he was well acquainted with all the original Members & their Character. I asked him if any of them were Baptists? He answered, no. But added there was a difficulty in the mind of M^r. Pabody, jun., about baptiz^a. his Children—what it was he had very much forgotten—but that it was not that M^r. Pabody was under any Censure, for he was in good stand^a.—yet that his Children were not baptized till several years after Gath^a. the Chh., & then on his Wife's Account. Upon w^{ch}. I turned to the Chh. Records & found Aug. 3, 1707, two Sons & three Daugh. of W^m. Pabodie jun. were baptized by M^r. Billings—and that Judith Pabodie was admitted July 6, 1707, into full Commun. But whether she was Wife of W^m. I don't know. [Added later, She was his Wife.] As M^r. Davenp^t. thinks none of first eleven were Baptists, I suppose the above Expression in the *Confess.* was rather adapted to those settlers who were Baptists, as a provision that the Pastor might baptize any by Immersion if requested; And the phrase in the *Cov^t.* might have a twofold Found^a.—1. That none admitted by plunging & omitting Bapt. for their Children, should be offended that the Pastor should baptize Infants of others. 2. A Reserv^a. to the Pastor of Auth^y. solely to determine the Subjects to whom he would admin. Bapt. The Chh. in this not to interpose, except in Case of Scandal. But suppose

the Chh. Baptist, yet it consents to *Infant Baptism & Sprinkling*, as well as *Adult Baptism & Immersion*. So the Pastor of that Chh. must be a Pædobaptist.

Either Rev. M^r. Ellis present Pastor or M^r. Seabury, Member of that Chh. gave me this Acc^o. That in the late Stir 1742 & thereabouts, a Number of those who were of Baptist Extract. appeared among the Converts, & two or 3 urged M^r. Billings to baptize them by Immersion. M^r. Billings declined it saying if they chose to be plunged, they must go to somebody else, for that he had never done it, & could not see his way clear to do it. Upon which the Chh. Cov^t. & Confession was appealed to. (Now the whole of the *Confess. of Faith & Cov^t*. are read in publick at the Admission of Members into full Communion to this Day.) And it is said that upon this it was agreed to omit the Word *dipd* in the Confess. As it became a little disputed whether it might not hereafter be s^d. this was a baptist Chh., M^r. Billings in 1747 led the Chh. explicitly to adopt & vote in the Cambridge Platform. I think it had been well for him to baptize by plunging the persons who requested him. However, the first 66 years of this Chh. to this day (1770) has been as to this & other Usages similar to the Congreg^a. Chhs. in general: & not an Instance of plunging. Tho' this has been done in some Cong. Pædob. Chhs. in N. Engl^d.

In the Records then follows:

A List of Additions to the Chh. fr. Aug. 26, 1705, to June 2, 1748.

A List of persons owning the Cov^t. July 29, 1705, to Aug. 30, 1747, with one addition Jan 22, 1748/9 in another Hand.

A List of Baptisms Dec. 3, 1704, to Aug. 4, 1748, with Additions to Oct^o., 1749, in another hand

A. D. 1704 Nov. 30 11 MALE MEMBERS INCORPORATED

Admissions	1705 Aug. 26	5 Sisters
	1706	2 D ^o .
	1707	4 D ^o .
	1708	1 D ^o .
	1709	1 D ^o .
	1710	1 D ^o .

Total 25

By A. D.	1710	11 B.	14 S.
	1711	0	0
	1712	2	3
	1713	1	1

1714 & 15	0	0
1716	1	0
1717	2	2
1718	2	1
1720	1	1
	20	22
1730	31	} of w ^c . 16 Males
1740	19	
1741	4	} 102, of which Males 45
1742	21	
1743	54	
1744	7	
1745	8	
1746	2	
1747	2	
June 2, 1748	4	
	152	
	42	

Tot. Admiss. by M^r. Billings 194, that is
81 Brethren, 113 Sisters

Adult Persons owned the Covenant for Bapt. of themselves &
Children from 1704 Nov. 30 or Gath^e Chh,

First on July 29, 1705	6
1706	3
1707	2
To 1710	3
To 1720	18
To 1730	40
To 1740	30
To Aug 30, 1747	47, of w ^c . 19 in 1742
	149

BAPTISMS BY M^r. BILLINGS

Dec. 3, 1704 to 1710, Inclusive	52
1720	55
1730	178
1740	205
Aug. 4 1748	191
	671

N.B. From begin^e till 1745 or thereabouts Little Compton
belongd to Massach. & extended to Coxit River. The Rh. Isl^d.
Line left some to Eastward. In 1748 I find in R. Isl^d. Census Tot.

Whites *One thous^d. & four Souls*, 62 Negroes & 82 Ind. Tot. Souls 1148 in Little Compton. The original T^o. might contain 150 Souls more. Of which 1300 Souls not 671 baptized. Doubtless Two Thirds unbaptizd. M^r. Davenp^t. & M^r. Sanford of Newport had Children bapt. there.

"1728, Sept. 18. At Chh. Meet^g. at Deacon Pabody's M^r. Jn^o. Pabody & M^r. Joseph Crandall were chosen Deacons by a Majority of Votes."

"At a Meet^g of the Brethren of the Chh. at my house May 20, 1746, M^r. William Hall was chosen Deacon by a Maj^r. of Votes," &c.

"Aug. 30, 1740, Deacon Pabody accounted with the Chh. & the Ballance in the Chh's. favor £0.19.9."

"Given to the Chh. of X in Little Compton

"A. D. 1711. By Jos. Chh., Esq. one Silver Cup.

1717/18. By M^{rs}. Deborah Hillard £1. laid out in pewter for the Table.

By M^{rs}. Ab. Lind one Knapkin.

1736. By M^r. Sam^l. Crandal £5. per Will.

1736. By Tho^s. Chh., Esq. two large Flagons for y^e. Table.

1741. By M^r. Tho^s. Bailey one Silver Cup by W. P."

"Aug. 1741. The Chh's furniture for the Table at present consists of Two Flagons, three Silver Cups, two Pewter Dishes, one Pewter Bason, one Table Cloth, one Knapkin."

"Aug. 18, 1746. Vote of Dism. nine Brethren to the Chh. of X this day gathered in Tiverton." And soon after dismissed to the same Chh. five Sisters. This Entry by Rev. M^r. Campbell.

"Little Compton, Oct. 2, 1747. The Congregational Chh. of X in this Town met together in their Meetinghouse, & took into their Consider^a. the Platform of Chh. Discipline, gathered out of the Word of God & agreed upon by the Synod at Cambridge A. C. 1649, & a Sanction given it by the Gen. Court held at Boston A. C. 1680, which having been read in public before the Chh. & Congregation, and many of the Brethren having had the Perusal of it in private; the Chh. voted that the said Platform should be their future subordinate Platform of Church Discipline.

"R. BILLING, Pastor."

"You from the heart professing a serious Belief of the Xtian Religion as it has been generally declared by the faithful in this Chh., do now & here give up yourself to God in X promis^e with his help to endeavor a walk accord^e to the Rules of that holy Religion all your Days, choos^e. God as your best good & your last End, & X as the prophet and of your Soul forever. You do therefore subject yourself to the Laws of his Kingdom as they are administered in this Chh. of his, & will carefully & sincerely endeavor after those more positive & increased Evidences of Regeneration which may further encourage to seek Admission unto the Table of the Lord."

In M^r. Bill^s. Hand. Here end the Records.

On a loose paper sown in, is a List of Chh. Members begin^d. with Rev. M^r. Ellis, but without Date. Consist^d. of 25 Brethren & fifteen Sisters, Adherents to M^r. Ellis about A. D. 1754. Probably about one Third of the Chh. living at that Time.

Extracted from the original Records by Ezra Stiles, Dec. 21, 1770.

CHH., LITTLE COMPTON			
Sisters	admitted	Brethren	admitted
Abigail Lynd	1721	Rev. Jon ^a . Ellis, Pastor	
Eliz ^a . Searl	1730	Jn ^o . Pabody, Deacon	Dec. 10, 1727
Marg ^t . Chh.		W ^m . Hall, Deacon	June 30, 1721
Sarah Dring	1745	W ^m . Richmond	1723
Mary Wood	1736	Nath ^l . Searl	1730
Rebecca Taylor	1745	Jonas Lind	1713 fr. B ^o .
Sarah Hillard	1742	Joseph Wood	1742/3
Judith Chh.	1734	Benj ^a . Seabury	1735
Mary Bailey	1721	Tho ^s . Dring	1742/3
Eliz ^a . Cosins	1735	Oliver Hilliard	1742
Eliz ^a . Gray	1733	Benj ^a . Simonds	1741
Abigal Taylor	1743	Geo. Brownel	1742/3
Eunice Brownel	1742/3	Elisha Clap	1744
Alice Simonds	1742/3	Steph Grevel	1744
		Jer. Briggs	1743/4
		Jn ^o . Bailey	1742
		W ^m . Taylor	1744
		Constant Searl	1742/3
		Rob. Taylor	1746
		Ephraim Richmond	1742/3
		James Bailey	1743/4
		Sam ^l . Tompkins	1743/4
		Micah Tompkins	1742/3
		William { Negroes	1745
		Joan {	1745

Adherents to Rev. M^r. Ellis, 1754

Sep. 1770, I visited M^{rs}. Humberston W^o. of Serg^t. Jn^o. She was a *Ray*, born in Boston, about 1688 or before. I think she remembers some of the Andross Troubles. She remembers North Haven from the Begin^g., the Gathering of the Chh., the Ordin^a. of three Ministers in Succession there, viz. M^r. Wetmore, my Father, & M^r. Trumble. She could not be particular as to my Father's Ordainers, tho' when I mentioned Names of neighboring Ministers, she said she did not doubt their being there.

I also conversed with several others, as Deacon Cooper, Joel Munson, Serg^t. Tuttle's Wife, &c. present at the Ordin^a., & they could remember no more than that the neighb^g. Ministers were present. M^{rs}. Tuttle said, M^r. Russel, M^r. Noyes, M^r. Whitt^r. &c. M^{rs}. Basset, W^o. of Ab^m., says M^r. Whitt^r.-was one principally concerned—tho' she was not at Meet^g. but staid at home to cook victuals & tend a sick Child.

This Entry made Oct. 12, 1770.

. . . Extracted at M^r. Checkley's in Providence, November 18, 1771 . . .

"M^r. Condry ordained 14 Feb. 1739. M^r. Gray prayed, M^r. Calender of Newport preached 2 Thess. 5, 11. 12, M^r. Appleton gave the Charge, M^r. Hooper Right Hand of Fellowship." M^r. Condry a Baptist. . .

Rev. Penuel Bowen ord. Apr. 30, 1766. M^r. W^m., Woodstock, prayed, D^r. Chauncy preached, M^r. Checkley, Sen., Charge, M^r. Appleton prayed after the Charge, M^r. Cooper R^t. Hand, sang 132 Ps. Tate & Brady.

. . . MEMOIRS OF PROVIDENCE, OCT. 6, 1774.

A. D. 1720 or sooner began Congregational preach^g. at Providence. M^r. Dorrance, M^r. Danforth & M^r. Moody of York among first Visitants & Preachers. Bristol Assoc. recommended Contrib. thro' N. E. & collected Monies for Meet^gh. w^c. was built 1721, at w^c. time it is s^d. but 2 houses W. side Bridge & not above fourty five Dwell^gh. in T^o. of Providence—says Fear-nought Packhard who died A. D. 1773 aged 70 or 72 or thereabouts. The Episc^o. Chh. raised in June 1723. Diff. with D^r. Hoyle—Meet^gh. pulld down, & raised in present place in fall of 1723.

Rev^d. Sam. Moody of York's first Visit 3 months 1724—his first Baptisms there Mar. 7, 1724/5, prob. first Cong. Bapt. in T^o.; he performed about 18 Baptisms by May 1725.

M^r. Moody's 2^d. Visit 2 M^o. & baptized fr. June 15, 1726—Also other Minrs. same.

May 28, 1727, M^r. Moody another visit.

May 15, 1727,¹ Congreg^a. elected M^r. Josiah Cotton Pastor. He accepted Call & was ordained Oct^o. 23, 1728, by a Council of Eighteen Chhs., Mess^{rs}. Appleton, Baxter, Ellis, White, &c. after having embodied the Chh. the same day, consist^a. of Nine Brethren besides Pastor Elect.

M^r. Cotton resigned July 1747, hav^a. in 18¾ y. baptized 180 persons & admitted to Lds. Table 56.

Feb. 8, 1747, Chh. sent Letter to Mess^{rs}. Deacon Marsh, Sol^o. Paine, Tho^a. Dennison & Tho^a. Stevens, Ordainers of M^r. Snow,² protest^a. &c.

Broken State. M^r Bass³ preached from 1752 to 1758. Oct. 28, 1761, Collected again & renewed Cov^t., 21 Communicants.

Second Sabb. Dec. 1762, M^r. Rowl^d. first preached & immed^y. administered Ordin^e. & continued till he resigned Aug 29, 1774. Now about fourty Communicants.

. . . About 20 fam. Episc^o. in Providence & perh. 10 more in Warren—half doz. fam. Warwick A. D. 1774.

Providence & Barrington	30
Warwick & Greenw.	15 or 10
Narrag.	20
Bristol	35
	100
Newport	200
	300

¹ Error for May 15, 1728.

² Rev. Joseph Snow, a pious man, but not of liberal education. See Dr. Stiles's *Diary*, i, 114-15.

³ Rev. John Bass was not installed, and therefore neither baptized nor administered the Lord's Supper.

IN NEWPORT 1655 CONJECTURED

CONGREGATIONALISTS

Jn ^o . Coggeshall	Rd. Knight	William Rich ^d son
W ^m . Coddington	Jeffy. Champlin	Hen. Bull
Nicolas Easton	Jn ^o . Hornden	Clement Weaver
Peter Easton	Rob. Carr	Barth ^o . Hunt
Edw ^d . Thurston	Geo. Haman	&c. to perh. 50 or 60
Jn ^o . Thurston	Caleb Carr	
Rob. Griffin	Jn ^o . Richmond	

BAPTISTS

John Clark Elder in Engl ^d .	Jn ^o . Crandall Probable
Jeremy Clark	James Weeden
W ^m . Weedon	David Grenman
Mark Lucar	James Weden, jun.
Math. West	Marm. Ward
Tho ^o . Clarke	—— Waterman
Jos. Clark	Jn ^o . Brown
W ^m . Vaughan	Jn ^o . Wood
—— Painter	James Barker
Jno Peckham	Edw ^d . Greeman
Sam ^l . Hubbard	Clement Weaver
These certain	Geo. Bliss 23

STATE 1641 NEWPORT & PORTSM^o.

There were 62 Freemen of both Towns present at Election & Elder Jn^o. Clark & Rev. M^r. Lenthal among others. In the Spring of 1642 at Elect. M^r. Lenthal gone for Engl^d. . I judge all were Pædobaptists at this Time. Nicolas Easton & others prophesied in the Chh. as well as the Elder;—Easton & Coddington became Quakers afterwds., but certainly not before 1656—Brenton, Cogg. &c. continued Pæd. also. I am of opin. that they met on the Ldsday, but had nobody to administer the Ordinances—after Elder Clark turnd Baptist about 1644. This broke them up or unhinged & prepared them for Quakerism 1656. . . .

Jahleel Brenton Esq. died Nov. 8, 1732, Æt. 77, and lies buried by his own Direction near a Rock between two Pare Trees North of the house, which Trees he bro't out of England. His Father was Gov. Brenton. The words PRESARVE and BELEVE in the Incriptions are so illy spelled, that I sometimes doubt whether M^r. Clap was their Author. Perhaps M^r. Brenton was.

Newp^t. Rh. Isl^d. Nov. 9, 1770

This may certify that M^r. Eben^r. Bradford has kept School here for some Time past, & has approved himself of good Abilities particularly in Penmanship, English Grammar & the Elements of Latin & the Mathematics; & that he may be recommended to all as a person of Sobriety & religious Deportment.

E. S.

[Later added.] You ask as to M^r. Bradf^d. As to his Relig. & the Conversions you mention, it is unnecessary to say anything, as he is sd. to profess himself but lately truly acquainted with religion & of this you are best Judges. As to his Morals—I cannot find that they were vicious and as far as they came within my Observ^a. they were good. There was a Tinct. of Enth^us. & Instability w^e. I could wish to have done away. I have inquired of some of the Bapt.—they rest in gen. Assertions of Lying & Hyp.—without proof. But I am satisfied if he would turn Baptist their first Minrs. would ord. him in an Instant.

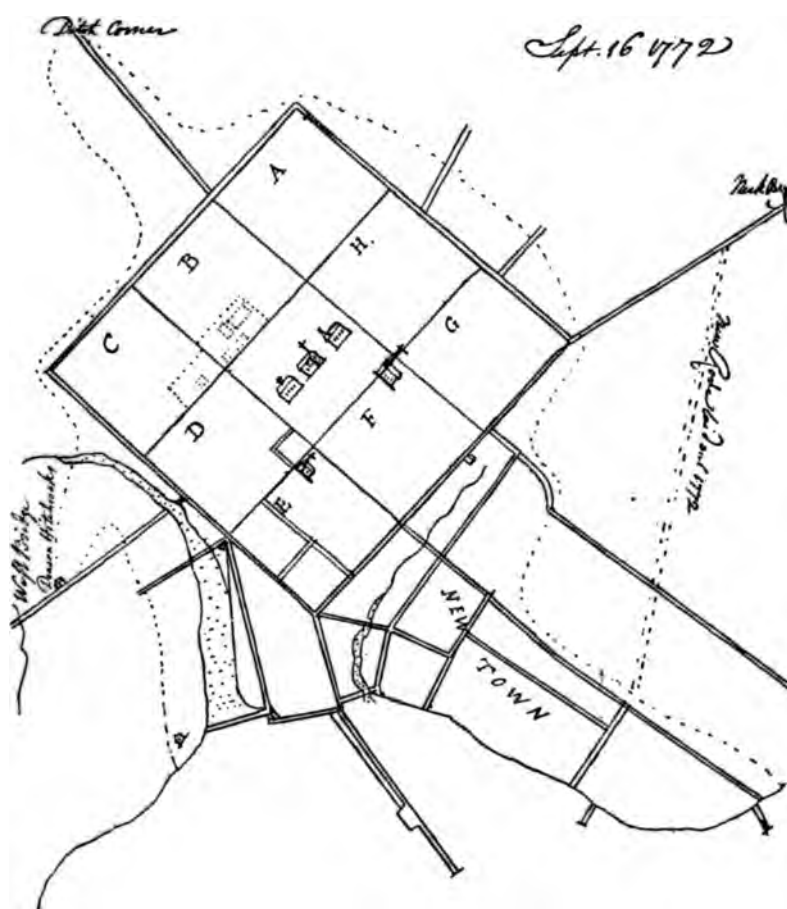
Aug. 24, 1772. To M^r. Treat, N. Y. . . .

New Haven, Sept. 1772. About Sixteen Jesuits in Canada under Pere Flocquet the Sup^r. or Chief Person, 1772, when M^r. Austin was there & discoursed with him. . . In Quebec 1000 Dwell^{rs} houses. In Montreal 500 D^o., Trois Rivières 100 D^o.

100,000 Souls Inhab. all Canada. More bear Arms in Militia in proport. than in N. Engld.

Pere Flocquet told M^r. Austin that the French did not pronounce Latin like the antient Romans & that M^r. Austin's Pronunciation was nearer the Roman than his own.

Rev. M^r. Henry Presb. Min. at Quebec came there about 1764—Congreg^a. about 60 Fam. in 1771 when M^r. Austin there & preach^d & Chh. formd &c. Sal^y £130. or 140. Halifax sterl^{rs}. originally—now reduced to £80. Æt. 50.



□ Pine 20 feet from

DWELLINGHOUSES IN NEW HAVEN, SEPT., 1772

A	10	West Suburbs	29
B	18	South "	43
C	16	North "	10
D	26	East & New town	95
E	28		
F	23		
G	14		177
H.	11		

Nine squares $146 + 177 = 323$. 5 omitted = 328

. . . PROBATE RECORDS FAIRFIELD.

. . . Rev. Israel Chauncy died about 1703. No Will. Debts paid, his clear Estate left £742.18.10, of w^c. about £26. Library: all divided, $\frac{1}{3}$ to Widow, rest to Charles, Isaac, & Rob^t.,—Cha^s. double portion. . . .

M^r. Ludlow one of first settlers of Windsor & an Assist. was for non-appear^e. at Court fined 2/6—offended—removed to Fairfield & became T^o. Clerk &c.—sued a man for Extortion 1/6. Appeal to Hartf^d. Assembly, fined 10/—offended and removed & died in W. Indies, prob^{ly}. Barbadoes.

Tho^s. Staples in 1728 or 1729, then Æt. cir. 90, told M^r. Silliman he was second male Child born at Fairfield. His Father one of Mason's Sold. in pursuit of the Pequots. Came fr. Concord to Fairf^d., settled next y. after Pequot War.

EXTRACTS OF PAPERS IN REV. NOAH HOBART'S HANDS, SEPT. 20, 1772

Sir,

Our respects presented to you. These are to inform you that Goodwife Cleave is one amongst us who walks inoffensively, & as we understand hath owned her Father Cov^t. at Sudbury & had one Child baptized there, yet cannot have there other Child baptized here, & therefore being desirous both her Husband & herself to enjoy that Ordinance of Christ for there Child they have according to Council taken pains to present to your selfe, requesting us to certify you how it is with them according as we have related & to entreat you to baptize their child for them unless you have any just Ground against it which we know not of . . .

EDWARD DENISON

THOMAS WELDE

Roxbury Octob. 27 (65).

To the Reverend M^r. Hubbard Pastor of the Church of Christ in Hingham there.

Mr. Hubbard

Sir,

My best Respects presented unto you & unto M^{rs}. Hubbard hoping of your healthes as throw the Goodness of the Lord, it is with me & mine at the present Wrighting herof, Sir, these are to let you understand that it is the Grief of our hearts, that some of owrs cannot have as yet the ordinance of Baptism administered to thare Children amongst us, unless thay must say & doe that to please Men, that God never requireth, and we cannot in Conscience doe; therefore we are againe put upon it to trowble yow, here is Goodwife Cleaves, a Woman whose Life & Conversation is

without Scandall, and Daughter to those that are in full Communion with us; you have already administered the Seale to some of hers, & now she hath another, whom she presents before the Lord and you for the attaining that Ordinance.

Here is another young Man namely John Levins who is a Child of our Church, and desireth to have that Ordinance administered to his Child, he had thought to have obtained it last Lord's day and Water prepared, but uncomfortable agitation there was amongst us and thereby it was prevented. We desire you would be pleased to let him have his Desire. No more but desire the Lord to be with you in all your Administration. I rest yours to serve yow to his power.

THOMAS WELDE.

To the above written attests

JOHN STEBING. Roxbury 10 Oct. 1668.

To the Chh. of X at Hingham Grace Mercy & Truth be multiplied, & Peace restored & preserved thro Jesus Christ:

Reverend & Dearly beloved,

We need not say with the Apostle that it is declared to us by this or that Household that there are Contentions among us, because it is publicly known to all the Churches, & Country, & we wish it be not tould in Gath & published in Ashkalon to the reproach of Christ, & of the holy Wayes of his people. We are greatly troubled at the long Continuance of your Troubles! What! is there no Balm in Gilead, is there no Phisitian there? Shall Strife goe on implacably in any of the Churches of New Engl.: & no means of healing be found out? We have long set still in Silence waiting for Tideings of Peace & Reconciliation among you, but it cometh not, & why are the Chariots of Peace so long in Coming? why tarrie the Wheels thereof so long? Christ is the Prince of Peace Isay. 9. 6. & the kingdom of Christ consisteth in Righteousness & Peace, & Joy in the holy Gost rom. 14, 17, & the Counseile of the Apostle to the Church of Corinth, who had Contentions among them, was this, to be of one minde, & live in Peace: & then he adeth the Promise that the God of Peace shall be with them 2 Cor. 13. 11. What! is not the God of Peace among you? dearly beloved beware of greiving the good Spirit of God, provoke not the Angel of God's Presence, the lambe, the Lord Jesus, the king of Saints. & Prince of Peace, least he prove a Lyon to teare & rend as he threateneth hos. 5, 14. And know you not what an uncomfortable Apprehension is reflected upon yourselves by these Contentions? even as once it was upon the Church of Corinth 1 Cor. 3. 3. Ye are babes in Christ for ye are yet carnal, for whereas there is among you Envyng & Strife & divisions, are ye not carnal & walk as men? & the Apostle writeing to Timothy telleth him, that the Servant of the Lord must not strive, but be gentle to all men, apt to teach, patient 2 Tim. 2. 24. & it is an heavy Word w^{ch} the Apostle James hath spoken, & all shall find it true that try it viz. James 3. 16, Where Envyng & Strife is there is Confusion & every evil Work. And consider what a sad Report this will be to the present aige, & a sad Record to posterity, that in the Time of such Officers & Members,

there was Discord & Division in the Church of Hingham so many years together? Therefore dearly beloved what leteth y^t. you do not follow y^t. blessed pattern left us in the Acts of the Apostles, a Scripture record Act 15, 1, 2, 3, that when there ariseth dissention in a Church about matters of religion (whether in doctrine or practise) they should not strive together over long, but repaire to other Churches for light & counsaile in such a matter: What leteth (we say) y^t. you take not this course? And be not greived deare brethren y^t. we at last begin to speake unto you in this Way, & say, why strive you wth. your brethren, let not brethren strive! We beseech you let us not have such a Returne as one Moses had, but follow that blessed Counsaile of the Apostle rom. 14. 19, follow after the things w^{ch}. make for Peace, & to follow Counsaile is a way of peace, w^{ch}. Antioch found by experience, & Prov. 12, 20, we reade of Counselers of Peace, & many of o^r. Churches here have had Experience thereof, We beseech you therefore follow that way, wherein is both Safety & Peace: unlesse the Lord please so to guide you, as to prevent all other Troubles, by putting a speedy end among yourselves, unto your long & uncomfortable contentions. And thus desiring the Lord to blesse these o^r. poore indeavours, to y^t. good end w^{ch}. our soules desire, even the furtherance of your Peace, & desiring your prayers for us, we commend you to the Grace of Christ & rest

Your loveing brethren in Jesus Christ

JOHN ELIOT

ISAAC HEATH

with the Consent of the Church.

Roxbury this 8^t. of the 7^t. month, 1647.

Copied from the original in Rev^d. John Eliot's own handwriting by Ezra Stiles Sept. 21, 1772

To ye Church of Christ at Hingham Grace & Mercy with peace & Truth be multiplyed through Jesus Christ:—

Revnd. & beloved in Jesus Christ, We haveing bene long grieved at your Disagreement & Contentions, & haveing used some means (as y^e Lord hath helped us) to help you by our Letters & Messengers, as also other Churches have done, & y^t. perceiving no fruit; you nither answering our Desires, either in coming to a peaceable Agreement among yourselves, or puting y^e Case (as it ought to be in such a Case) to Counseile, nor yet Answering our Letters, to give any Reason of this your practice, it cannot but ad unto our Greife, we therefore thought meete to wright unto you yet once more, to stir you up unto those good ways of peace & Love, so pleasing to God, & becomeing y^e Gospel of Jesus Christ, yea to provoake you thereunto as we are commanded Heb. 10. 24. And the rather we doe it now, because your Brethren (who have so much indeavored a publick Hearing of their Cases, & have waited so long for an Issue & are out of hope of any due hearing or Redresse) have now at last tendered themselves to joyne wth. y^e Church at Waymouth, sayeing they cannot wth. peace of their Conscience (as they apphend) hold Communion wth. you, & y^e Church at Waymouth have asked

o^r. Counsaile in this Case. We therefore thought it might be an Argument to persuade you, & a furtherance of your peace, to informe you, what o^r. thoughts be in y^e Case. Namely:—y^t. seeing they themselves & others, not only Elders but Churches also, have indeavored y^t. their Cases might come to a due hearing, & seeing thy have long waited wth. a sad & afflicted mind (though not wth.out their failings we feare) & are hopeless of any Issue at home, nor can they with comfort remove to any other place, w^{ch}. they have also indeavoured, therefore we think y^t. the people of God are not in bondage in such a Case, nor doth the Lord require his people should either communicate where they cannot doe it without doubting, w^{ch}. maketh it Sinne unto them, or sitt wth.out such blessed Ordinances as they may enjoy among the people of God at a neighbor Church. & therefore we think that they may lawfully offer themselves to an other Church, & that Church may lawfully receive them, unlesse you are able to shew us better reasons from the word of God against it, than we yet understand. But understand us thus much, that we do not hereby judge you, or acquit them, or determine any of the particular cases y^t. are among you, for we doe not duely understand them: But this our judgment is only upon this poynt, because they cannot obtaine their cases to be heard & issued in such a way of Counsaile, as the Lord hath in such cases appointed.

Now we intreat you dear Brethren, & againe we doe intreat you to consider how uncomfortable this will be, in the issue, unto your Church, & be persuaded timely to prevent these evils, seeing it may be done by doing a duty, by doing whereoff you will please God, comfort the heart of other Churches, whom you have grieved, & prevent future evils to yourselves. Now the great persuader of hearts unto all good, persuade your hearts to fullfill, not your owne, but the will of Christ in this matter, unto whose Grace & tender mercys we commend you & rest

Your fellow brethren in Jesus Christ

JOHN ELIOT

ISACK HEATH

with the Consent of the Church.

Roxbury, this 14th
of the 12th. 47.

Brother Hammond,

At the desire of the Bearer I have thought fitt to remember you & the rest, with that which the Elders did conceive concerning the rent & withdrawing of 13 brethr. from y^e Church meeting and Communion, which was thus, as by Notes & memory is clear. We did conceive that alltho' the church was too hard in refuseing your three propositions made by you, two of them being equall & just, yet that the 13 breth. did in such a manner break of from y^e church at y^t time, especially beeing by the pastor desired in the name of God to stay, & also y^t. soone after the 13 withdrew y^mselves from the fast & Lord's Table, & so from the Communion of the Ch. this Course I say we judged unlawfull & evill, & exhorted them to give y^e. Church Satisfaction, in acknowledging the same, & reconciling y^mselves to y^e church. I cannot now tell you the reasons of o^r. Judgment, but your-

selves & any may see, that such a Course would break all churches a pieces, if so practised, wherefore I desire you & the rest not to stand to the Justification of y^t. Act, but uppon all just occasions to judg y^rselves for it, & to study more y^t. christian patience & forbearance w^{ch} wee ow to all men, & much more to a church. The Lord guide you & the rest to such waies of Peace & Lowlines as may recover the Glory of God, the Comfort & Edification of y^rselves, & the Churches of God about you. Thus in hast with my Love to yourselves & the rest, I commend you to the God of all Grace Love & Peace, resting.

Yours in Ch.

JOHN ALLIN.

Dedham 4th. 12th. 1647.

Superscribed in M^r. Hobart's handwriting "M^r. Allin his Letter to Tho. Hammond dat. 4th. of Feb. 1647." So I suppose this M^r. Hammond was one of the 13 Brethren aggrieved.

ABOUT BAPTISM

Mr. Hubard

Sir, after our respects presented, these are to informe you that heare is one Philip Curtise who is one whose parente ar in full Comunion with us; who hath three Children that are unbaptized, & he is very desierous to have that Ordinance administered to them, therefore we pray, Sir, let him have his desier and we shall not cease to pray for you, that the Good Blessing of God may be upon you and all your Labours, We rest

Your very loving brethren in Christ to serve you to our power,

THOMAS WELD

PELEG HEATH

Roxbury

23 (8) 1668

(In M^r. Weld's handwriting.)

6. of y^e 6th. 67

Brother Hubbard

Pray doe mee that kindness to baptize William Clarke's Child, of Boston, who will suddenly bring it to you. The Woman is a Member of this Church. The Child I would have baptized myself, but the Woman living at Boston, from under the Watch of our Church, the Brethren of the Church would not consent that it should be baptized here.

Your loving Brother

SAMUEL WHITING, S.¹

To the Church of X at Boston, Grace, Mercy & Peace from God o^r. Father, & o^r. lord Jesus Christ.

Reverend & beloved Brethren in our Lord Jesus Christ:

A while since . . .² received Letters from you: for which we returne you many & greate Thankses that you are pleased to manifest yourselves care-

¹ Pastor of the Church in Lynn.

² The blanks left in this letter indicate passages which Dr. Stiles was unable to decipher in the original.

full & lovinge for our good commending unto God in affording
 Counsell, for soe we understand your Letters to be merely Counsell, not
 arrogating (as you intimate) to yourselves any Dominion over our Fayth
 or order. We therefore signify our Intentions unto you that we propose
 as God give us Opportunity to use the remedy according to the Rule of X
 wth. those delinquent devided Brethren which have rent away themselves
 from the fellowship of the Church at the Table of X^t. whereby
 we shall make Tryall of discerne thear readiness to be guided by
 Counsell as you are pleased to wishe on their behalfe of
 any Rule of X transgressed amongst when you shall be pleased
 to send us the Model of Independent Church Government established by
 civill Authority we hope you shall not finde us inconformable. . . . &
 so rest your lov. brethren in the fellowship of the Gospell
 the Pastor & Brethren of the Church at Hingham

Yours

PETER HUBBERD, Pastor.

Sept. 10, 1648.

Copied from orig. MS. in M^r. Hobart's hand-
 writ^d. Sept. 22, 1772.

Fairfield, Nov. 8, 1772.

Rev^d. Sir,

I wish it were in my Power to oblige you with a Copy of the Manu-
 script you mention: But my Grandfather's Hand is at best difficult to read;
 and the MS. in question appears to have been a rough Draft which was
 afterwards corrected in many Places; some of which Corrections were
 interlineated, and others inserted in the Margin, sometimes with and some-
 times without proper References; so that I cannot pretend to give "a per-
 fect Copy" of it.

I am at a Loss to account for my Grandfather's spelling his Name in
 that Letter differently from what he did at other Times. I find on look-
 ing over his Papers, Letters directed to him in which his Name is differently
 written, as Huberd, Hubberd, Hubard & Hubbard. And whether He when
 he answered those Letters, wrote his Name as the Authors of them did
 I know not. But that He and his Family wrote the Name Hobart is I think
 indisputable. I find an Order of the Select Men of Hingham relating to
 Fences, dated "Hingham 9th. Martii 1667/8" and signed "per Select Men
 Jos. Hobart for the Rest." And another forbidding cutting Timber on
 the undivided Lands, dated "April 13th 1668" signed "By the Select Men
 Jos. Hobart in Name of the Rest." This Joshua Hobart was my Grand-
 father's Brother. Another of his Brothers, Edmond Hobart is named as
 one of the Fence Viewers in another Order of 29th. August 1668. Josiah
 Hobart my Grandfather's Son (Ancestor of Mrs. Cheesborough) gave a
 Bond to his Father dated "this 12th. day of July 1673," conditioned for the
 Payment of a certain Sum to the "Assigne of the sayd Mr. Peter Hobart
 within the Spase of one whole year after the Death of the sayd Mr. Peter
 Hobart." This Bond is in the Handwriting of said Josiah, & sealed with
 Arms of the Family of Hobart, the Impression of which is still very plain

& fair. In this Bond, wherever his Father's Name or his own occurs, it is spelt Hobart. There is an Assignment on the Bond in my Grandfather's Handwriting, in these Words "I doe make & appoint Rebeckah Hobart my Wife to be my Assigne to take & receive for her own use the above written obligation after my Decease." . . . "Witness my Hand January five & twentieth 1674/5. Peter Hobart." Then follows an Acknowledgment in the Handwriting as I suppose of Governor Leverett, thus "Mr. Peter Hobart acknowledged this Assignment to be his Act & Deed the 28 of November 1678, before me John Leverett Gov^r."

Thus I have endeavoured to comply with your Request, hope the above will satisfy you with regard to the spelling of the Name, and am with great Respect,

Rev^d. Sr., your very humble Serv^t.

NOAH HOBART.

Rev^d. Dr. Stiles

Mem^o. July 22, 1785.

An original MS. Letter in Latin of 1660 from the Ministers in New Eng^ld to Duræus who was endeavor^d. a Union of all Protestants thro' Europe I borrowed formerly of Rev. D^r. Sam^l. Mather being of the MSS. of the Mather Family. This Letter is signed by 40 or 50 Ministers with their own Handwriting. Among the others M^r. Hobart signs his Name thus "Petrus Hubberdus Ecclesiæ Hinghamiensis Pastor."

M^r. Dorr's Meetinghouse Hartf^d. 65 x 43 or 64 x 44.

CHH. WOODSTOCK.

. . . Rev. Abel Stiles ord. July 27, 1737 by Laying on of hands of Rev. Mess^{rs}. Fisk of Killingly, Williams of Pomfret, Stiles of N^o. H., Cabot of Thompson, Walter of Roxb^y Jamaica—: M^r. W^{ms}. of Lebanon one of the Council sat below & did not lay on hands, as the pulpit would hold no more. M^r. Walter made first prayer, M^r. Isaac Stiles preached from 1 Tim. M^r. Fisk gave Charge. M^r. W^{ms}. Rt. Hand.

Ex Ore M^r. Stiles . . .

DEACONS, 1ST CHH.

Deacon Sabin	David Holmes
Chandler	Dan ^l . Lyon
Morris (Edw ^d .)	Jn ^o . May
Jn ^o . Johnson	Caleb May
Edmund Chamberlain	Nehemiah Lyon
W ^m . Lyon	

. . . . M^r. Edmond Hobart of Hingham in Norfolkshire in England had four sons, viz. Edmond, Peter, Thomas & Joshua, & 'tis supposed two daughters. He with all his Family except Peter came to N. E. & settled at Charlestown. Peter followed them A. D. 1635. They all soon removed and with their Friends settled a new Town calling it Hingham in remembrance of their native place. He died March 8th. 1646 Aged 68.

Edmond the eldest had issue—Daniel born March 17th 1649, Samuel & John—& died Feby. 16, 1685/6.

Peter the second son was born the latter end of the year 1604, educated at the university of Cambridge, ordained by the Bishop of Norwich, preached for the first Time at Wickinge in Compton Ap^l. 1, 1627—was married to Elizath. Ibrook Nov^r. 12, 1628—left England for nonconformity and arrived at New England June 8th. 1635, was Minister at Hingham where he died Jan^r. 20, 1678/9.

Peter & Elizabeth Hobart had issue: Joshua born July 11, 1629; Jeremiah born Ap^l. 9, 1631; Eliz^a. born Dec. 22, 1632; Josiah born at Haveril in Essex March 22, 1633; Ichabod, at Charlestown, N. E., Octo^r. 3, 1635; Hannah, at Hingham Ap^l. 30, 37; Hannah, a still born daughter; Bathshua; Israel; Jael; Gershom born Dec^r. 16, 1645. Elizabeth, the mother of these Children died Jan^r. 21, 1645/6 aged 37 years. M^r. Peter Hobart afterwards married M^{rs}. Rebecca Peck sometime in the month of May 1646 by whom he had issue seven Children, viz. Japhet born March 31, 1647; Nehemiah Nov^r. 21, 48; David Aug^t. 7, 51; Rebecca Ap^l. 3, 54; Abigail Octo^r. 19, 56; Lydia Jan^r. 17, 58/9; Hezekia Aug^t. 30, 61.

Joshua Hobart son of Peter Hobart came with his Father to N. E. & was educated at Harvard College. He sailed for Barbadoes July 16, 1655, & there married Margaret Vassal Apr^l. 16, 1656, went from thence for England, arrived in London 5 of July following, returned to N. E. Sep^r. 5, 1669; his wife died four days after and left (I think) three children. He was married again Jan^r. 16, 1671/2, to Mary Rainsford at Boston; she was del^d. of two Daughters Octo^r. 5, 1672, one died, the other was called Alithea; Irene born at Boston in Apr^l. 1674; Peter born Feby. 28, 1675/6, at Southold on Nassau Island, where Joshua the Father died some time in the winter of 1716/17.

Jeremiah Hobart was married to Eliz^a. Whiting, Daughter of the Rev^d. M^r. Whiting of Lynn Ap^l. 6, 1659, was ordained pastor of the Church at Topsfield Octo^r. 2, 1672, from whence he removed to

Hemsted on Nassau Island, and afterward settled at Haddam where he died in the 86 year of his age; he left Issue two Daughters.

Josiah died at Easthampton on Nassau Island in Feb^y. 1711/12.

Nehemiah died at Newtown Aug^t. 25, 1712, leaving issue four Daughters.

Sept. 21, 1772. Rec^d. from Rev. Noah Hobart of Fairfield Son of M^r. David Hobart Son of Rev. Peter Hobart of Hingham. Copied by M^r. Sloss Hobart son of s^d. Noah, at my Desire, from his Father's Family Memoirs.

Rev. Noah Hobart of Fairfield tells me, that Rev^d. Joshua Hobart, Son of Peter, went home from W. Ind. to Engl^d; and travelled into Germany or the Netherlands or into foreign parts—: then returned & settled in Engl^d. or Irel^d. But in the Turn of Times was imprisoned for Religion, I think for *years*. Being released he came again to N. Engl^d, & at length settled at S^ohold, L. Isl^d.

REV. JOSHUA HOBART.

- 1629. July 11. Born in Old Engl^d.
- 1635. Arrived in New Engl^d. with his Father.
- 1650. Graduated at Harvard College. Æt. 21.
- 1655. July 16. Sailed for Barbadoes.
- 1656. Apr. 16. Married Miss Vassal & sailed for Europe.
- 1656. July 5. Arrived with his Wife in Engl^d. Travelled.
Initiated an Adept.
- 166—. Persecuted for nonconformity.
- 1669. Sept. 5. Returned & arrived in New Engl^d. Wife died
4 days after.
- 1671/2 Jany. 16. Married Mary Rainsford of Boston.
- 1674. Still at Boston. Æt. 45.
- 1675. Removed & settled at S^o. Hold, Long Isl^d., where he died
in the Ministry 1716/17, Æt. cir. 88. He was an eminent Physician, Civilian & Divine, & every Way a great learned pious Man. D^r. Jared Eliot of Killingworth received his Medical Knowledge from M^r. Hobart, & told me that M^r. Hob. sent for him on his Deathbed, to come over to L. Isl^d., that he might impart to him some Secrets in Physic & Chemistry which he had never communicated; but it being deep Winter D^r. Eliot could not pass the Sound, & so saw M^r. H. no more.

PROTEST.

At a Meet^s. of the S^o. Assoc. in Hartf^d. Co. convened at the House of the Rev. M^r. Jn^o. Smalley in New Britain Oct. 3, 1769.

The Rev^d. M^r. Smalley presented M^r. Nathaniel Emmons to be examined for preach^s., and after his Exam. he rec^d a License from that Rev^d. Body, against which I found myself obliged in Faithfulness to God & his Chh., & in Obedience to my own Conscience to enter my *Protest*, for the following reason, which I minute down this 5th. day of Oct^o. 1769.

M^r. Emmons was asked, how God created Man? he answered, after the Image of God. He was asked, wherein the Image of God on man consisted? He ans^w^d. in a right Temper of heart. He was asked, whether he designed to distinguish the Heart or Will from the Understand^s.? he ans^d. yes. He was asked, whether the divine Image was upon Adam's Understand^s., as well as his Will? He ans^w^d. no. And while this important Doctrine of the Image of God on Man was illustrated, as it respected the whole Man, *Underst^s. & Will*, the Rev^d. M^r. Smalley said, the *divine Image was no more upon Adam's Underst^s. than upon his Fingers & Toes*.

Under the head of Adam's Apostasy M^r. Emmons said that the *whole Nature of Adam was depraved*. He was asked what Adam lost by his Apostasy from God? he s^d. a good Temper of Heart. It was asked, whether he meant by that, the Image of God? he s^d. yes. He was asked, *whether the Apostasy affected his Underst^s.?* he s^d. no. He was asked *whether the Underst^s. of Adam after his Fall was as good, & equal to what it was in a State of Innocency?* he s^d. yes. Then by the help of a Friend he was brought to grant, that he was not so teachable & apt to learn, under the Influence of a bad heart as a good one. It was observed that to own an universal Depravity by the Apostasy of Adam, & that the Underst^s. was not affected by the Apost^y. was a Contradiction. Which was attempted to be reconciled by another hand. Upon w^c. it was observed, it was not a proper Time to dispute matters among ourselves.

Speaking of the great Doctrine of Regeneration, it was said that Regen. consisted in a new Principle implanted in the soul, in w^c. the soul is passive. It was sometimes called a new Temper of heart. He was asked, *whether Regener^s. affected the Underst^s. as well as the Will?* He s^d. no—the heart or Will was only received by the Spirit of God. It was observed that *whatever belonged to*

the rational Soul, not regenerated, could not be prepared for the K^m. of God. Many Things were s^d. on this subject, besides what was s^d. by the Candidate.

Upon the subj^t. of the Soul's being passive in Regeneration, & yet must attend to means antecedent to Regeneration to obtain speculative knowledge; he s^d. that by the use of means the Conscience may be convinced that the Law is just & good, & that he may have his Conscience convinced of sin by the Law, & his Exposedness to the divine Wrath. But while his Conscience is convinced of these Things, his Heart rises up against them, & the Emnity of his heart against God & his Law, rises in proportion to his Conscience being convinced of these Things; & when he is bro't to the last Step of preparatory Work before Regener^a., his Enmity rises to the highest Degree. He further added that God did not command or require the unregenerate to use any means but with a renewed heart, a gracious Principle or love to God. This occasioned much Convers^a. with others as well as with the Candidate. But it issued in this, that there was no Command of God to pray, or do any other duty but with a perfect heart. God commanded the Sinner to repent, & he is to use the means to convince him of Sin with a gracious Principle, & so in every other Duty.

Speaking of the Seals of the Cov^t., especially of Baptism, when applied to adult persons; his words in his Confession of Faith are as follows—&c. (omitted).—Upon w^c. much was said. The sum of w^c. is this, that he must give a credible Evidence of inward renew^a. Grace; & be satisfied himself, or have a prevailing hope of his good Estate, or his Baptism is to be deferred. And the same Qualifications are to be looked for in admitt^a. persons into full Communion. Further he professed that only the Infants of those that are in complete Stand^a. in the Chh., by w^{ch} he meant those in full Communion, are to be baptized.

When the Examin^a. was ended, each one was asked, whether he could license the Candidate? it was s^d yes, by almost all. And when I objected, & suggested my reasons, they appeared to have no Weight with my Brethren. Then I urged they would defer the License for further Consideration, for I had never known for thirty years, of but one Instance of any one's being licensed without the Approb^a. of every Member present, & that proved a great Uneasiness amongst us. I further urged that it might be deferred for this Reason—In licensing Candidates we act for the Chhs., & they

depend upon them upon the known Faith of the Chhs.: and it is apparent upon Examin^a. M^r. Emmons is not of the same Faith in some of the important Doctrines of Religion we settled with our Chhs. upon; & therefore ought to consult our Chhs. before we licensed Candidates upon a different Faith. But nothing I could say by way of Argum^t. & Persuasion availed any Thing.

I was told, if I did not like the proceed^s. of the Association, I might enter my Protest, with my Reasons. Which was one Reason of my Writing as above the first Opportunity.

EDWARD ELLES.

Middletown, Oct. 6, 1769.

Copied Sept. 26, 1772. . .

Sept., 1774. Rupert¹ has 30 or 40 fam., chiefly fr. Suffield.

CONNECTICUT.

£800. Cost of an Assembly; 3 Sessions 1773 cost about £2,400. School money 40/ per £1,000. on the Grand List which is this year 1,800,000. Total Colony Expenses between 7 & £8,000.

A. Willington Deputy.

Chh. gathered in N^o. Windsor by the Consoc. Sept. 1761, consist^d. of 7 Male Members. Rev^d. Theodore Hinsdale ord. Pastor Apr. 30, 1766. Nath^l. Hayden, Josiah Bissel, Esq., Deacons.

Usages. Communion once 2 M^o.—Sing N. Engl^d. Ps. & Hymns—bapt. Child. of &c. not in full Commun.—no Relations—about 65 or 70 Fam. first, about 90 or 85 now.

. . . Coventry contains Souls—has seven Taverns—sell £800. worth Rum yearly . . .

At East Guilf^d Lds. day Sep. 4, on the Alarm 83 armed & Rev. M^r. Todd with them. At Pachaug 38 marched to Rope ferry. Band 60 or 70 Chester as forward & extra well equipt with 2^{lb}. powder apiece or double round.

Stonington P^t. above 500 Souls in 60 Houses. $\frac{3}{4}$ Presb. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sectaries.

¹ Bennington County, Vermont.

Estimated 20 Thous^d. Men in Arms in Connecticut & in actual March for Boston at the Alarm the begin^g. of this M^o. Sep., 1774. And about 40 Thous^d. more in Mass. & N. Hampshire.¹

Extracts from an antient MSS. in the Office of the Town-Clerk in Newport²: w^c. MS. consists of a Number of Letters of the first Gov. W^m. Coddington, in his own hand-Writing; & also a long political piece on forming Colonies by another hand.

The first Letter is dated June 30, 1640, to Gov. W^m. Bradford of Plym^o. & signed W. C. Go^r. W. B. deputy, that is, William Coddington Gov^r. & William Brenton Deputy. It is in answer to a "Letter from the lait Gov^r. Mr. Tho. Prince" & respects secular Affairs. Another Letter &c.

Then follows a plain blank half page unwritten and the top of the next page begins a broken sentence & goes on seeming to be a part or Conclusion of a Letter to some friend respect^g. religion. The writing difficult to be read, tho' plain & undefaced & in Gov. Coddington's Hand.

Thus,

"when the members Ch. is called to remove they must be dismissed from it [] & Joyneing to another Ch. when you saye it was apparent [?] enough when I moved w^t. I was charged wth. viz. by M^r. Pearce that looked at myselfe to have noe more reference to them than other Chs. it was often then charged y^t. we should live wthout Ordinances w^{ch} I could not free myselfe from had I not partaken of haveing oportunetye soe to doe."

"write to M^r. ffenes³ to send me the Elders of the Bayes Appology Against M^r. Barnard.⁴ I heare that such a booke is published & I desire it much for my satisefaction in some things.

Writen to M^r W^{ms}. y^t. 2 of the Murderes Cuthatch one of them y^t. had his hand in the death of M^r. Mitchell's sonn⁵ & Toaw Caw-

¹ The alarm was on the resistance of Massachusetts to the Regulating Act in alteration of her Charter.

² The manuscript was undoubtedly destroyed when Newport was taken by the British in 1776.

³ One of the family of William Fiennes, Viscount Saye and Sele, one of the patentees of Connecticut.

⁴ Rev. Richard Mather's *Apologic for Church-Covenant, sent over in Answer to Master [Richard] Bernard in 1639*, does not appear to have been published (in London) until 1643, in connection with his *Church-Government and Church-Covenant discussed*.

⁵ A son of Matthew Mitchell was killed at Saybrook in the Pequot war in 1637.

son are at Noanaquit, w^{ch} bec[ause] the Word say that he that sheds Mans blood &c. therefore speak to Muantinomou to deliver them up. the [] when the Gibeonites refused to deliver up those that had defiled the Levits Concubine was the death of 12,000.

REMARKS.

1. Hence M^r. Coddington *joynd* another Chh. after he left Boston and communicated or *partook* in it.

2. This was before the Death of Miantinomou, which was A. D. [1643].

3. No Chh. in Mass. Bay would have admitted to Communion those under Censure [but Coddington never censured] &c. Nor is there any Intimation or Tradition that the Rh. Islanders ever *partook* in any of the Mass^a. Chhs. afterwds. Hence a Chh. at Newport before 1642. I judge 1640.

After the above directly & in Course succede the Copies of sundry Letters to M^r. Dudley, Gov. Winthrop, &c. &c. without dates till one dated Aug^t. 24, 1640. Three of the undated Letters thus immediately follow^e. one another.

"M^r. Endecote,

"W^o. & beloved, I did heare of yo^r. & M^r. Petters¹ coming to o^r. plantation & from thence to the Dutch. I could be glad to see ether or both of you here upon any good Accation. I am [] to send over the [] them upon which occasion I knowe not. I was informed by Let^r. from a friend that Bruehil Men was incoraged by the Mag. to proseed against me 2 in Courte before I knew w^t. they required. I have some tymes hoped that Love that hath bene betwene us in warre & peace, prosperitye & adversey is not quite extinguished. I could for my own part much desire that we that were so manye yeare in Love of [] togeather might consider one another as Brethren. if [] through infermetye to restore wth. a spirit of meeknes. but leave you & the Justice of my cause to him that judge the righteous Judgm^t. & in him will rest yo^r. &c friend

"W. C." . . .

¹ Gov. Endecott was a parishioner of Rev. Hugh Peters, while he was pastor in Salem from 1636 to 1641.

To Mr. Vayne, Aug. 24, 1640.

Right woth. Dearely beloved in o^r. Lord Jesus, I have sene yo^r. Let^r. directed to M^r. W^m. Hutchison^a wth. the rest of the Brethren by w^{ch}. I doe understand of that Breach w^{ch}. was mayde from the Government Establyshed, but blessed be o^r. Lord Jesus who hath restrayned & brought them in againe & hath so shed abrod his Love in o^r. heart that hath caused us to love & tender to one another as Brethren, w^{ch}. was forgotten in o^r. striveing &c. it is nowe well nye 6 mounthes sence myselfe & the rest of the brethren wth. me at Newport, did agree of Anuall Elections, upon the 12 of March, the tyme being appoynted at . . Portesmouth y^t. was . . as one man . . & was accepted by the body as before & joyned in the Election not longe After, at w^{ch}. Election they chose myselfe Go^r. for yeare, M^r. Brenton Deputy, M^r. Eston, M^r. W^m. Hutchson, M^r. Jo: Coggschall, M^r. Jo: Porter Assistance for one year & till a new be chosen. [. . . Other secular matters.] We have comed to us laitley one M^r. Linthall^a A minister of note in England w^{ch}. is fallen out wth. your Ch. Covenant as they use it. . . What doe we now want? More of the presents of the Lord Jesus we shall ever want whylest here we live, but upon Earth ther is no man so much desired Amoungest us as yo^rselfe. Oh good S^r. let no honer in the Court cause yow to forget the Affection of Joseph. remember we besech you yo^r. promise. We cannot believe but if that yo^w did injoye yourselfe we should yow. Pardon my Bouldnes, its refreshing to me & my deare Wife to think we may once see you. Thus wth the [] of o^r. unfayned Love we rest yo^r. if his owne,

W^m. COD.

A Letter to M^r. Eaton Dec. 9, 1640. Another Entry Feb. 6. Then follows this Letter to M^r. Cotton.

"To Mr. Jo. Cotton of Boston,

Worthy S^r. I have received tow Let^{rs}. from yo^w one by Lef^t. Balston the other by M^r. Lamberton wth. w^{ch} Let^r. I recaived 20^s & Mr. Gould hath ordered to be paid in the Baye other 20^s so that I have recaived the 2^l sent you for my Debt from Tho. Holder. for yo^r. paynes & care therein I returne yo^w thanks.

¹ 1630-37.

^a William Hutchinson and his wife Ann removed with Coddington and others from Boston to Rhode Island in 1638.

^b Rev. Robert Lenthall, of Weymouth, Mass.

Toutching such matters w^{ch} conserne the Church yow forbear as being informed yow should write in vayne, I say no more to it but this y^t. I doe belive both yow & wee of one hand & other are informed more than is trew so that wee need to inquier if these Things be so before that wee recave them. for the Let^r. sent by the Church to the Brethren of Portesmouth, I have had it some tyme, beinge desirous to have it copyed out that I might at Lassuer consider of the Grounds of it, w^{ch} I have never down but not had tyme serously to peruse it sence. Its a poynt I perceive much controverted amongst those that are godly amongst yo^rselves & in England. M^r. Barnard¹ hath written & M^r. Bawle² printed as I am informed A book called Observations agaiens Separation, togeather wth. yo^r. owne Judgment as in yo^r. Let^r. to M^r. Skelton w^{ch}. remaynes wth. me is to be sene to the contrary³ all w^{ch} makes me to desire that yo^w. would not be urgent in the pressing of the Consequence of yo^r. Brethren. I could wish that more tyme was spent in those mayne & fundamentall trewths that some tymes the lord did carey yo^w out to hould forth most closely viz. y^t. the 1 J C is the first sought for, the first given, the first revealed, the first in every action. w^{ch} is the substance of w^t. I yet belive unto this daye, & I hope is mentayned for teaching by yo^rselfe untill this daye, tho myselfe & wife have wth. sad & greef of heart thought of y^t. place in Esa. 28. 11. 12, 13, when it hath bene reported to us that M^r. Cotton now houlds forth things so darkely y^t. if we had not knowne w^t. he had houlden forth before we knew not how to understand him. Yo^w. must shortly lay downe that earthly tabernacle & commend yo^r. flock to god & the word of his Grace. therefore the desire of yo^r. pore neglected reiected frend is y^t. yo^w. miet do it wth. Joye & not wth. sorowe, the Spirit be as fyre in yo^r. bonne, y^t. yo^w. could not wth.

¹ Rev. Richard Bernard published against the Separatists in 1608 and 1610.

² Rev. John Ball published *A Friendly Trial of the Grounds Tending to Separation*, in 1640.

³ [Note by Coddington.] then M^r. Skelton did not well not to recave to lords Supper & o^r. children to Baptizme seeing we had recaved the holy ghost, then my recaveing to partake of the Ordenances was well donn by onely makeing a profeshon of my fayth (as 1 Pet 3, 21.) & by that profeshon I did partake of the Ordenances at Boston & now by yo^r. Consent & others *I am removed wher I doe partake of all the Ordenances of God.* (if yow have any thing against me yo^w. may be pleased to *informe the Ch. wherof I stand a member.*)

N. B. This shews that there was a Chh. in Newport A. D. 1641 in which M^r. Coddington then partook of all the Ordinances of God.

hould y^t. yow meet shyne as the Sonne to the perfect day. So yo^r. last dayes might be yo^r. best. but I must not vexte an Elder but exhort as a faither w^{ch} I desire maye be so imbr d wth. love & tendernes as its intended by mee. Optunety of speech is now bared & let^m. some tymes unseasonably delayed & the sence wrested y^t. for my owne parte I am resolved to be silent, but thus far have I written to yo^m at this tyme to you and w^t. I intended when I set pen to paper. thus wth. the remembrance of my owne & Wife's love & endeared affection to yo^m & all y^t. remember us I rest yo^r. neclected reiectd afflicted frind

W^m. CODDINGTON.

Immediately follows:

"Worthy Sr. I recaived yo^r. of 26. of this present, and I hope as you doe write, it is a flying rumor that any of o^r. should give out such speaches as that they would have the meadowes or it should cost Bloud. I am soe farre from approveing of them as I cannot imagin whoe amongst us should be so insolent *knowing that o^r. people do generally entertayne a good Esteme of New Plimouth and the people thereof* & desire to hould a frindly correspondency, & of yo^rselfe in Especall, except it should be some one or 2 that did come away disaffected. *one is Banished from o^r. Iland* a Cope of whose inditement I purpose to send yo^m. *Weekes is lickwise indited* & his cause is to be isewed at the next quarter sessions.¹ A let^r. I did leave wth. my Cozen Brenton the Deputy Go^r. to have sent tow yo^m. w^{ch}. I hope would fully have satisfeyed yow of o^r. Mynds concerning the Meadows in it being a Request maid at a generall court² about a twelve mounthes sense by the body of the people of o^r. plantations to setell termes of Agreem^t. wth. you that we might not be offensive each to other, viz. we have mayd purchase of Medow Land aboute o^r. Iland w^{ch}. if it doe appeare yo^r. right is of more Validetie then o^r. wee desire to come to some faire Composhon or tearmes of Agreem^t. wth. yo^m. to w^{ch}. let^r. I doe refer yow & have desired the Deputy not to fayle to send it to yow. & so wth. o^r. loves remembered I take leave & rest yo^m.

W. C. Go^r."

To Wo^r. W^m. Bradford Go^r."

¹ Samuel Gorton and John Wickes are here referred to. Cf. Arnold's *Hist. of Rhode Island*, i, 167.

² Cf. *Rhode Island Colony Records*, i, 103 (May 6, 1640).

Next a Lett. to M^r. Yeale¹ dated April 26, 1641.

On a fear of an Indian War Gov. Coddington sent to Boston to M^r. Ting² & others for Powder. Letters dated June 22, 1641, to Gov. Bellingham & M^r. Winthrop thanking them for supply of Powder; and also a Letter to M^r. Ting expostulating with him for his refusal to send powder, &c.

"Worthy S^r.,

I received yo^r. after manye delays in the Messenger dated the 3 of 3 mo. 1641 & in it yo^r. dennyall to suply us either wth. powder or Cottes as o^r. need required for o^r. defence against the Indians. . . [In this Letter among other things,] The seasonableness of the Curtesey would have bene acknowledged here & it might have more wonne the harts of the people to have hearkened tow yo^r. in any light presented in Spiritualls. And whereas yo^w *advise me to break of my combination wth. Banished persons*, I knowe none of the Island, M^r. Aspenwall being removed,³ & *hereticall persons & returne to my Churche*. S^r. I hope I shall not shut my Eyes against any Light presented, but am inquireing after the trewth. But doe not yo^r thinke that it must need lye as a preiudice of my Spirit to saye, &c."

Follow sundry other Letters, particularly to M^r. Yeale, dated Aug. 11, 1641, another to M^r. Humfrey,⁴ Aug. 16. & 18th, which is succeeded next by one to M^r. Winthrop as followeth:

To M^r. Jo. Winthrop,

Worthy S^r., Yours dated the 5 of this present was left at my house, I being from home, the 23. concerning M^r. Throckmorton⁵ . . [&c.] And good S^r. be pleased to question M^r. Thr. & let him speak injenously whether the Banishing & Whiping of M^r. Gorton be not the cause he did thus discourteously deale wth. me & some reprochful Speches uttered by some of the Iland. he was the first y^t. did broch that absurd Ero^r. [] against [] Magistracy the effect wherof is not likewise broken forth amongst yow. I doubt not but yo^r. Wisdome is such as that yo^r. Wo will see an

¹ Probably David Yale, of New Haven, father of Gov. Elihu Yale.

² William Tyng, a wealthy merchant, and Treasurer of Massachusetts Colony.

³ William Aspinwall, who had been banished from Massachusetts in 1637, had before this left Newport for New Haven.

⁴ John Humfrey, of Salem.

⁵ John Throckmorton, an associate of Roger Williams.

absolute nessety of mentayneing of the Ordenance of Magistracey w^{ch}. is shotte at by this upstart generation. & for the Conclusion of yo^r. let^r. this I say w^{ch}. I would haue yow & all the people of god wth. yow to take notice of *that I doe hould fellowship wth. the Churches in the Baye owneing of them & the Ordinances therin despenced, & could freely partake therin if oportunetye did serve.* Not further at present, &c. &c. Thus wth. the remembrance of my Salut."

"To M^r. Cotton. Worthy S^r. & my aunchant & deare frind, yo^{rs}. of the 23 of the 6 I recaived for w^{ch}. I kindly thanke yo^w &c. [On secular Business. This however shews the Continuance of their Friendship.] for the last clause in yo^r. let^r. as its professed out of aunchant Love soe I doe accept of it, & as Sol sayth, in the multitude of Counsellors ther is Safty. & the m[ore] I did inioye therin from yo^rselfe I blesse the lord for it & acknowledge the instrument by w^{ch}. it was convayed, & I hope as speedely as yow may will discover to me what those wayes of heresy be that are to be avoyded, & my desire is that the Daye spring from a hye would visit yow & us to guide o^r. feete into the wayes of peace & trewth & in whome I rest, commending my love & respect to yow & yo^{rs}., M^r. Leveret & his &c. yo^r. old & uselesse frind

W. C. Dat. Aug. 27."

The Collection of Letters from whence I have made these Extracts, consists of twenty pages folio. This of Aug. 27 to M^r. Cotton is so near the End that there are not a doz. Lines after it, i. e. it is the last but one, w^c. however is of the same Date. The period of this Collection or the Time in w^c. they were written is from June 30, 1640, to Aug^t. 27, 1641.

Extracted from the Original MS. in Gov. Coddington's Hand, Oct. 15, 1774.

[Early in September, 1775, Dr. Stiles visited the American camp in Cambridge, Mass.]

Hobgoblin Hall 1775

Dear General,

M^r. Page who will deliver this to you, is a M^r. Page, who has the laudable ambition of seeing the great Gen. Putnam. Suffer me to desire you to array yourself with all your Majesty and Terror for his Reception. Let our Blue & your Gold be mounted, and your

Pistol be stuck by your side, and perhaps it would not be amiss, if you blacked one side of your face. I am with Fear & Trembling,

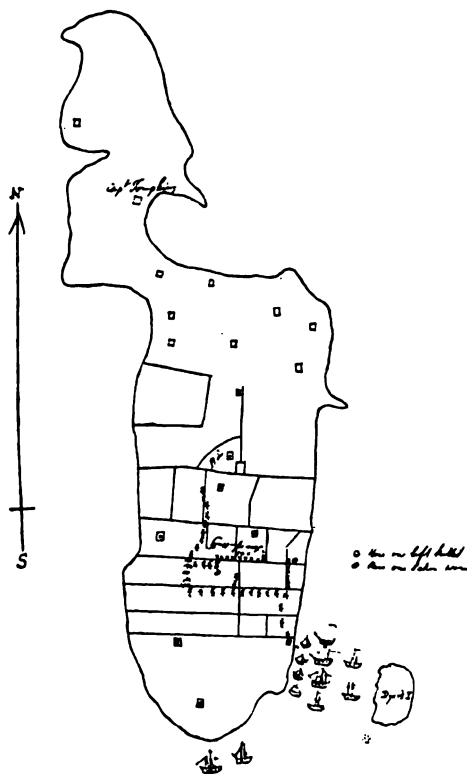
Yours,

C. LEE.

To Gen. Putnam.

A certain pidling General whose Reput^d. has been trumpeted abroad &c. has given a silly Complexion to all our Affairs.

Friday, Janry. 12, 1776, the infernal Capt. Wallace with his Fleet of 3 Ships &c., in all twelve Sail, canonaded Prudence & landing about 200 Marines & Sailors set fire to Eight Dwelling Houses and Stacks of Hay, which with Barns and Cribs were burnt down. They drove Cattle and Sheep to the S^o. End of the Isl^d. & went on board. Next Morning they landed perhaps 250 and attacked us.



About 60 or 80 brave American Soldiers received the Attack, fought heroically, killed several, repulsed & routed the whole Body tho they had nearly surrounded them on each Flank. The Enemy retreated carrying off their dead & wounded & returned on board ship. Our Troops had one killed & three wounded, one dangerously. The Enemy left one dead on the field & one wounded & acknowledge they lost 4 killed & wounded. They carried off 20 or 30 Sheep but no Cattle. . .

March, 1776, Rev^d. Nath^l. Fisher¹ is he says *Æt.* 89 this April. He graduated 1706, then kept school three years at Taunton. While keep^g. school there he remembers that the Rev^d. James Allen of Boston (whose Daughter Rev^d. M^r. Danforth of Taunton married) came there on his last Visit—& insisted on preach^g. in the Afternoon. M^r. Allen stood up, told his Age that he was above Ninety, s^d. Little Children love one another & little more & sat down;—then M^r. Danforth got up & preached. . . .

Janry. 19, 1769.

In 1768 Eben^r. Richardson Esq. of Newport bought thirty pounds of wool, for which he gave a pistereen² a pound. Out of this his wife picked Eighteen pounds of the best. This was manufactured into 21 yds. of five quarters width when sent to the fulling mill—which was returned sixteen yards & three quarters, of three quarters width. From which in Janry. 1769 he had a *Cloke, Coat, Jacket & Breeches* all made for himself, & above half a yard left. His wife dyed it blue—the rest was hired. He gave me the particulars:

18 ^{lb} . Wool @ 32/	£28.16
Spinning 21 Skeins Warp @ 10/	10.10
D ^o . 25 - Weft @ 10/	12.10
Dying @ 20/ per lb. for 18 ^{lb} .	18.
Weaving 21 yds. @ 15/	15.15
Fulling 16¾ yds. @ 18/	14.11.6

But as the 18 ^{lb} . was chosen wool, so add half the price of refuse 12 ^{lb} . which made Flannel & so is worth 20/, and if it would have made only Coverlids 16/	9.12
Add 1 day's Work in sorting the Wool	1.15

£111. 9.6

¹ Cf. Stiles's *Diary*, ii, 202.

² About nine pence.

16¾ yds. @ £6.1.4	111.10.6
Equal to 8 yds. Broadcloth 7 qrs. @ £30.	240
Equal in goodness to Cloth sold @ £36.	288.

Cap^t. Balch says such Cloth half width of Broad Cloth is worth 6/ Sterl^r. price—and is finer wool than is put into 12/ and 14/ Ster. cloth. He judges its Fabrick as good as 12/ or 14/—which he says sells at 50 for 1 Old Tenor . .

EXTRACTS FROM M^r. SAMUEL HUBBARD'S MS. CONSISTING OF
LETTERS FROM 24 APR. 1641, TO 9 JUNE, 1687.

A Letter dated Ardleigh March 8, 1654, from his Brother Benj^a. Hubbard—"I have sent you the Branch of Kindred." "My Cousins Joseph & Samuel Hubbard & their wives & each a son are in health & desire &c.—they with both the sons of Thomas Hubbard that lived by the George at Ipswitch & after at Brooks hall." "I now live at Ardleigh in Essex near Dedham & Colechester between them both."

Letter fr. James Hubbard dated in Cambridge Janry. 2, 1663, to his D^r. & lov^e. Uncle &c. gives Acc^o. of his Rel^a. in Engl^d.

A Letter from M^r. S. Hubb^d. to the Chh. in R. Isl^d. dated from Misquamicut May 26, 1664. So he at Westerly then.

D^o. fr. Ruth Burdick at Misquamicot to her Father S. Hubb^d. 3 Apr. 1667.

D^o. fr. Tho^a. Hubb^d. of Boston 31 July, 1662, to Uncle S. H.—"Your Brother Benjamin my father is dead; he departed this Life Oct. 28, 1660, leav^e. behind him then 5 Child. who was born at New Engl^d., Benj^a., Elizabeth, Tho^a., Hannah, James. And I being now come over about the Land at Seeconck & I have been there to demand my Right &c. &c. I was at my Aunt Hallam's at London & she with her Son & Daugh. desired to be rememb^d. to you all &c. &c. My uncle Tho^a. Hubbard & his Daugh^{rs}. were well &c.—his Son *John* being in a Living of £60. a year, John have £20. a year & the rest to his Father & Mother—My B^{rs}. & S^{rs}. desire their Love &c.—On board Cap^t. Peirce Ship . . for I am a Seaman &c."

Letter from the Sabb. Chh. in London, Bull Lane "to the Lords of Sabbath Keepers in & about Newport in Rh. Isl^d."

N. Engl^d.—being affected to hear of you by a beloved Brother John Cowell: & the more when we did discern y^e. Grace of God that was in you by those choice & savory Letters you sent to him w^e. he communicated to us"—"Your Bⁿ. fellow Serv^{ts}. & fellowheirs in the K^m. of o^r. Ld. now hasting upon us subscribed on the behalf of the rest this 26th of the 3 month 68

"John Labourn
Edward Fox
William Gibson.

(Q. Was this Gibson afterwds. Sabb.
Min^r. at West^r & Newport?)

"Ar. Squibb
John Belcher
Rich. Parnham
Rob^t. Woods
Robert Hopkins
John Jones
Christopher Williams
Samuel Clark"

"Touch^e. your Desire of help fr. us we are glad to hear y^t. y^e. have any Gifts of Edify^e. among you, we hope noth^e shall be want^e. on our part towds. you, yet at present we find the Work very weighty in Ould Engl^d. so y^t. we cannot do y^t. we would for you. Vale."

Lett. fr. Edward Stennet to the Remn^t. at R. Isl^d. dated Abington in Berkshire 2 of 2^d. m^o. 1668. "Here is in Engl^d. about 9 or ten Chhs. that keep the Sabbath besides many scattered Disciples."

Lett. fr. John Cowell to &c. fr. Duksbury in Gloucestershire. "Indeared Br. Hiscox & Sam^l. Hubbard & Nicolas Wyld with all the rest of the Lds. dear Lambs that in N. Engl^d. are follow^e &c.—I rec^d. a Lett. subscribed by several of you and also a Lett. fr. B^r. Hiscox in particular &c."

Lett Tho^s. Trennick dated Plym^o. in Eng. 13^d. 5. 68.—"difference betwixt you & my d^r. B^r. Holme whose faithfulness for X & his Truth hath been long approved. . the Breach among you I understand is between B^r. Holme & the Congregation."

M^r. S. Hubb^{ds}. Lett. to his Cousin Jn^o. Smith in London, gives Acc^o. of his Circumstances—"a good House as with us judged & 25 Acres of Ground fenced in & 4 Cows which give Milk a young Heifer & 3 Calves & a very good Mare: a Trade a Carpenter & health to follow it &c. Children &c.—"This is my Joy & Crown, in Humil^y. I speak it for God's Glory. I trust all both Sonnes in Lawes & Daughters are in visible Order in general: But in a especiall maner *my son Clarke & my three Daughters with my*

Wife & about fourteen walk in the Observ^a. of God's holy sanctified Seventh day Sabbath with much Comfort & Liberty for so we & all ever had & yet have in this Colony—6 July 1668—Samuel & Tase Hubbard. "Direct yo^r. Letters to my own House in Nuport on Road Eysland," &c.

In his Lett. to the Chh. in Belllane Lond. dated July 3, 1669, he laments that some had left them as, "Brother Wyld an old Disciple & his Wife a know^r. Woman—& one Brother Jn^o. Salmon & his Wife have forsaken this Truth & us & is turned back to full Communion with this Chh."—again—"My D^r. Bⁿ. & Sisters here *seven of us* with my sonne in Law & two Daughters & *two more* added to them of late at Westele in this Colony." I suppose they were not yet formed into Chh. Estate, but continued to walk with M^r. Clark's Bap. Chh.—M^r. Hubb^d. says in this Letter—"& in very deed in my Conscience cannot easly communicat with such as preach that all the 10 Comm^dm^ts. are nayled to the Cross &c." By this I suppose they began now to withdraw from Communion with the first Chh. He dates his Letter "from my own house in Maydford in Nuport on Road Eyland in New England, whare we keep God's Holy Saboth once a fortnite, the other dayes at our toun."

A Letter fr. Rob: Mascal dated Flinsbery near Morefield¹ the 25th. of March 1669, to Cap^t. Oliver remonstrating against the Persecutions of Baptists in N. Engl^d.—speak^r. of the manner in which Congregationalists in Engl^d treat the Baptists he says—"D^r. B^r., we here do love & honour them, hold familiarity with them, & take Sweet Council together: they lye in the Bosom of Christ & therefore they ought to be laid in our Bosom. In a word we freely admit them into Churches, few of our Churches, but many of our Members, are Anabaptists, I mean baptized again. This Love indeed, this is Moderation, this is a right new Testament Spirit."—Excellently said.

A Letter fr. Joseph Clark & Ruth Burdick from Westerly Oct. 3, 1669, to Tho^s. Olney in answer to his—"We hope trewly that here are a few of us who thro' great Grace do accord^r. to Light received fr. the Lord we trust—&c.—are in the practice of keeping his holy Saboth even the 7th. day"—Ruth Burdick a very sensible Woman & M^r. Hubb^d^s. Daughter.

¹ Finsbury near Moorfields, London, S. E.

The Chh. of Providence dated 18th. 2 m. 70, signed by Tho^s. Olney, Sen., by the appointm^t. of the Chh.—to M^r. Hubb^d. mildly & friendly treat^e. i. e. arguing with him on 7th. day Sabb.—M^r. Hubb^d. Answer 24 June, 1670.

M^r. Edw^d. Stennet's Lett. dated Abingdon 6^d. 1 m. 1669, to M^r. Hubb^d.—"if the Chh. will hould Communion with those Apostates from the Truth *you ought then to withdraw yourselves.*" M^r. Stennet says "We have *Seven Chhs. &c.*"

Letter fr. Chh. Belllane Lond. 27 12^m. 1669, to the Remnant &c. It appears M^r. Hubb^d &c. applied to them & asked whether they shd. withdraw & walk by themselves—"Now as to w^t. y^o. desire fr. us about Commun. with those that have not kept the Way of the Saboth yy once professed, we think it altogether unsafe to hold Commun. wth. them that build again &c."—lay objections before the Chh.—whether you have already withdrawn or whether you have only laid your Burthen before the Chh. & your Offence against those Bⁿ. for them to consider of. If you have not withdrawn already we do humbly judge *that you ought not to do it till first you have thorol^y. done y^r. duty*; stating the Cause plainly &c. &c." As to Laying on hands, they advise it clearly as an Ord. of Christ. . . .

Sept. 15, 1779. Rev. Sam^l. Maxwel of Warren ob. at Rehoboth March 1778, Æt. 90 circa. . .

KILLINGTON.¹

Any 4 of Committee empowered to call Proprietors' Meetings. Last Committee appointed by Prop^{rs}. at last Meet^e. March 14, 1775, & Clerk, all to stand till others chosen in their Room viz. Rob. Stevens, Jon^a. Otis, Josias Lyndon, Jn^o. Pitman, Benj^a. Ellery, Benj^a. Chh., Jn^o. Antony & Sol^o. Southwick.

NEW HAVEN, AUG^t. 17, 1776.

Received of M^r. Charles Handy by the Care of M^r. Adam Babcock One Hundred twelve Dollars and an half in full of the Rent due, with Interest, for the White Hall Farm² in Rhode Island to March 25th. 1776

Copy

P^r. N. DAGGETT.

¹ Now Sherburne, Rutland County, Vermont.

² Given by Bishop Berkeley to Yale College in 1733.

DR. DAGGETT'S RECEIPTS TO	
March 25	
1773	£34. 9.9
1774	£33.15.0 L. M.
1775	33.15.0
1776	33.15.0

Col. *John Hubbard*¹ Esq. for many years the first in civil Authority, and in the management of the public affairs in the Town of New Haven, Judge of Probates for the District, and an assistant Judge of the Court of Common Pleas, departed this Life October 30th. 1773 Æt. 70.

His highest praise to heaven alone,
A christian Heart was fully known,
Genius & Taste, and moral Worth,
Distinguished him while here on Earth,
Superior Powers with manly Zeal
Exerted for the public Weal,
In ev'ry Station he sustain'd,
Honour'd the Trust his Merits gain'd.

M^{rs} *Elizabeth Hubbard* the faithful Consort of Col. *John Hubbard* died August y^e. 25th., 1744, in the 42^d year of her age.

Copied from the Tombstone², Oct. 17, 1776 . . .

JOHN GREENE'S FAMILY.

John Greene came from Salisbury in Engld; & sat down first in the Bay Gov^t.—and when Roger W^m. removed to Mooshausic, M^r. Greene came there in the second Company, viz. Waterman, West-coat, Arnold, &c. M^r. Jn^o. Green was a Surgeon in Engld.: & bro't over his Fam^y. consist^g. of his Wife & four Sons & one Daughter, viz. Peter, Jn^o., James, Thomas, Mary.

Peter Greene married one of M^r. Sam^l. Gorton's Daughters & died without Issue, being drowned at Konimicott.

John Greene afterwds. Agent & Dep. Gov. married an Almy of Rh. Isld.—had Issue Peter, William, Job, Richd. & Samuel—Deborah m. Torry of Weym^o.—Audrey m. Jn^o. Spencer—Ann m. Tho^s. Green, Cousin—Katherine m. Charles Holden.

¹ Father of the wife of Dr. Stiles.

² No longer to be found.

James Greene had Issue by Deliverance Potter, James &c., Sarah & Mary m. Reynolds:—by Antony Peter (drowned), Jabez, David, Jn^o., 2 Daughters.

Thomas Green m. Barton—Issue, Benj^a., Tho^a., Richd., Nath^l., Welthian.

Mary m. a Sweet, Father to all the Bonesetter Sweets. . . .

Oct., 1777 . .

Instalment of President Langdon in Harv. Coll., 1774

THE PROCESSION

Students,
Resident Graduates,
Librarian with Seal, Charter, Records, & Butler with Keys,
Corporation,
Professors & Tutors in Habits,
L^t. Gov. & Presid^t. Elect,
Overseers,
Representatives,
Clergy,
Respectable Gentlemen.

Meet^ghouse.—M^r. Appleton, Sen. Fellow, began with Prayer.—Gov. presented the Pres^t. Keys, Seal, Books & Charter & seated him in the Chair with an introd^y. Lat. Speech.—Pres^t. deliv^d. Lat. Orat.—Lat. Orat. Sen. Bach.—Prayer by D^r. Pemb.—Hymn.

HARV. COLL. 1777. EX ORE PRÆSIDIS LANGDON.

Pres^t. Holyoke had £1300. old Ten. = £130. ster. circa. It depreciated so that he told the Court he had expended £2500. of his own. They then settled £200. L. M. on him. The G. Court pay all the Sal^y. to the Pres^t. College give him £60. in Lieu of Rents of Mass. Hall. College pay the Profess^{rs}. & Tutors—but the Assembly augment the salaries.

FROM COLL. TREAS ^y .		FR. ASSEMBLY
President, D ^r . Langdon	£60	£200
Div ^y . Prof. Wigg.	88	62
Math. P. Winth.	88	112
Hancock P. O. L. Sewal	60	90
Tutors Hall	} 300	
Gannet		
Guyle		

Libr ^r . Winth	60	
Musæum Keeper	7	
& author ^r . of Tutor		
Treas ^r .	80	
	<u>£743</u>	<u>£474</u>

Pres^t. Witherspoon £400. Jersey Money.

YALE COLLEGE.

There were 170 or 180 Students in Yale Coll. last year. Between 40 & 50 graduated A.B. last Sept. which leaves about 130 of the 3 Classes—add 20 Freshmen—ought to make 150 Undergrad.—But many gone into the Army, so really but about 125 or 130 now, in Nov. 1777. (Harv. Coll. now 111 Students.) . . .

In 1737 President Holyoke elected. The Corpor^s. of Harv. Coll. then were: Rev. D^r. Wigglesworth (Gee), Rev. D^r. Sewall (Gee), Rev. Nat. Appleton (Holyoke), M^r. Tutor Flynt (Holyoke), M^r. Tutor Prince, Col. Ed. Hutchinson, Treas.

Three Gent. considered, viz. Rev^d. M^r. Gee, Rev. M^r. Holyoke, Rev. M^r. Cooper. On M^r. Gee there was a Tie or Equivote. Then on M^r. Holyoke was an Equivote also. Then a Major Vote for M^r. Cooper; but they reported & M^r. Tutor Dan^l. Rogers was privately sent to desire him to decline, w^c. he did. Then M^r. Holyoke was reconsidered & elected.

M^r. Gee orthodox, & a fine Scholar. Gov. Burnet pronounced him the greatest man or minister he had seen in America: of a good Person & command^e. Aspect; but——w^c. was disbelieved by some & had weight with others. M^r. Cooper orthodox, of good presence, not a great Scholar. M^r. Holyoke surpassed both in Dignity, not so orthodox as either & yet sound, & surpassed Cooper in Scholarship. The Equivote between M^r. Holyoke & M^r. Gee: then they left them & went on M^r. Cooper.

Ex Ore M^r. Tut. Rogers now liv^e. at Exeter, aged. Janry. 1778. . . .

1777, DEC. PRICES.

Wheat 4/, Rye 2/6, Corn 2/, Beef 17/ cwt., Pork 20/ . .

. . . Sept. 22, 1780. Write to D^r. Franklin to procure in Exch^a. Prisoners Jn^o. Bunnel of N. Haven taken June 25, 1777, on board Merch^t. Brig fr. Charlest^o., S^o. Car^o., bound to France, & put on board the Valiant Man o' War a 74 Gun Ship, from which lying at Portsm^o. Oct^r. 28, 1777, he wrote a Letter to his Father M^r. Israel Bunnel.¹

. . . M^r. Hopkins² Congreg^a. 240 Souls, Adults & Child. or = 50 families. . . .

Yale Coll. May 31, 1781.

Sir,

The affectionate Respect I bear to the Memory of that great & eminent Hocham, the Rabbi Karigal, has made me to wish that his Picture might be deposited in the Library of this College. I remember it was taken in Crayons. This I suppose is now in Providence or Boston. Will you give me Leave, my dear Sir, to propose & ask that you should be pleased to do us the honor of purchas^g. & present^g. it as your own liberal Donation to us, to be deposited with us, as a perpetual Memorial of that illustrious Hebrew? You can employ M^r. King to copy it in oyl Colours, which will be durable & much preferable to the Chalk of Crayons. I could wish that this Inscription might be made upon some convenient place on the Canvass:—"Rabbi Raphael Haijm Isaack Karigal; born at Hebron; educated there & in Jerusalem; died at Barbadoes, Ætat. . . . MDCCLXXVII." and also such

other Inscription in Hebrew as you or y^r. friends shall choose. Let not my Request be burdensome to you: if disagreeable I shall press it with no Importunity, altho' I shd. think it would be honorable to your Nation as well as ornamental to this University. My Fam^y. unite in respectful Salutations to yourself & Lady & to our worthy Friend M^r. Rivera . . . I am, D^r. Sir,

Y^r. most obed^t. Serv^t.,

EZRA STILES.

M^r. Aaron Lopez,³ at Leicester.

. . .	HARVARD QU ^r . BILL 23 Nov. 1780	.
	Commons	£571.
	Cyzing	9.18.
	Study Rent	35.
	Instruction	67. 7.6
	Books	1.12.
	Repairs	26.12.
	75 for 1	£711. 7.6.

¹ Yale Coll. 1743.

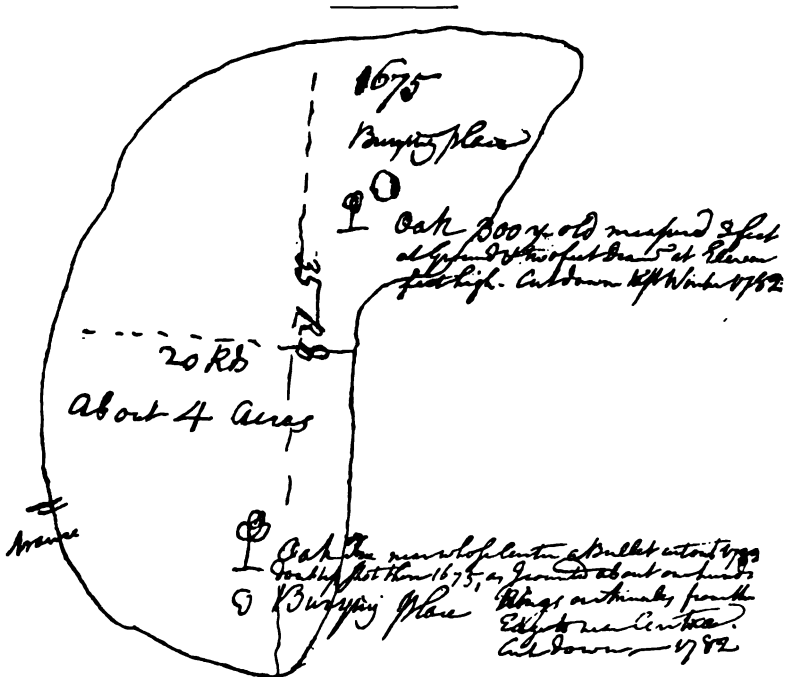
² Rev. Samuel Hopkins (Yale 1741), pastor of the 1st Congregational Church, Newport.

³ A merchant of Newport, R. I.

Qu^r. BILL MAY 24, 1781W^m. King

£11.11.1 Silver

Entrance last Qu^r. Fresh. 22 Guineas. Rule to pay all back Expenses
& Charges in Qu^r. Bills in Commons. . . .



Plan of Swamp Tract in Narrag
AD 1675

M^{rs}. ELIZ^a. Low.

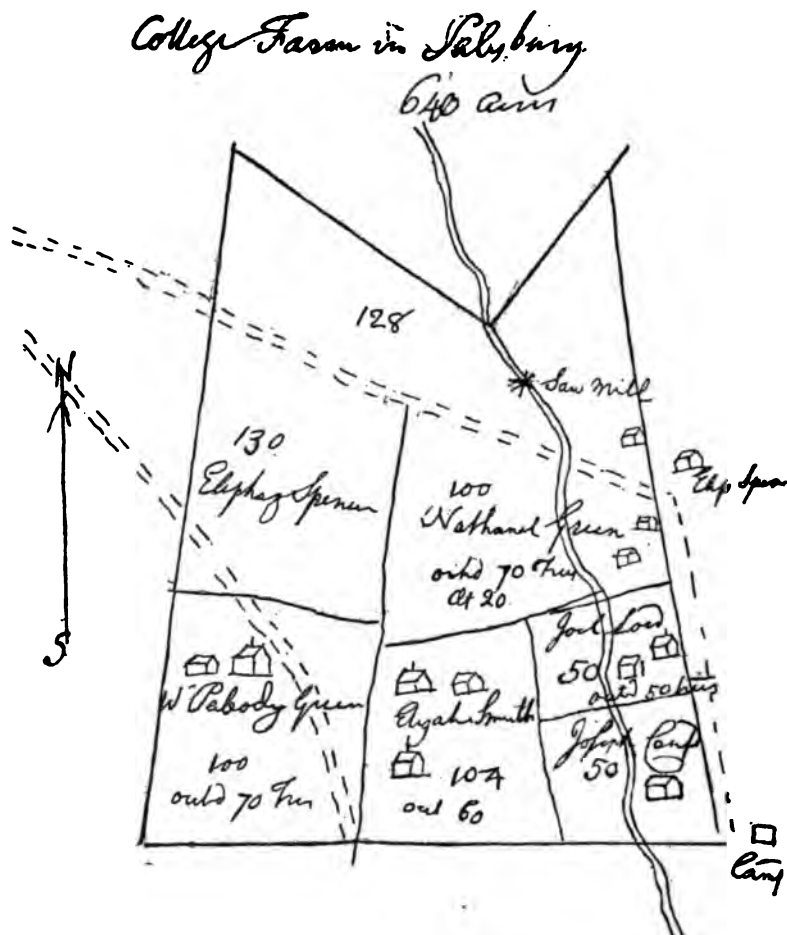
Was the D. of D^r. John Wilson Esq. of Brantree, who was son of Rev^d. Jn^o. Wilson of Medfield, the son of Rev. Jn^o. Wilson, first Minister of Boston. She had a Brother M^r. Jn^o. Wilson, of Presid^t. Holyoke's Class 1705, Preacher at Barrington & Pastor-Elect there, who died before Ordin^a. at Barrington then Swanzy & was buried at Rehoboth about 1720, or before.

M^{rs}. Eliz^a. Wilson married M^r. Sam^l. Low of Barrington a wealthy young Farmer before 1720 & had Children fr. 1720 to 1730, and died perhaps about 1735.

She was a Woman of great Beauty, a fine Genius, elegant & animate composition, Purity of Language, eminent Piety, & of every Excellency. She corresponded with all the Ministers. Would have made a Bp. a better Wife than a farmer. Of good Judgt. in every Thing only chusing a Husband. A delicate Poet.

M^r. Wilson Pastor Elect &c. builded the elegant Seat where the fam^y. of Low & Judge Mumf^d. afterw^d. lived. M^r. Low bo't this Seat of M^r. Wilson's Heirs, as it had formerly been his father Low's. . . .

[FROM THE ITINERARY FOR MAY, 1784.]



going Out that day found many People had heard the same Noyse & some said they saw a Light. A fue days after I saw a man who had a full Vew of the whole Phenomina. He said he was Out Fodering his Sheepe not Longe after Sun Rise & Looking Northwest saw a Star Shoot (as he Expre'st him self.) By his Acc^t. when he first saw it, it was about 40 Degrees Above the horison and its Course was Slowly, or not Rapid, norwest^y, as he supposed, and did not disapear Till within a fue degrees of the Horison. After that he walked 40 Rods to the House and sat down by the Fiar where his Father was sitting, and Emediatly they heard a Noyse as tho a Cart Went fast a Longe the rode on the Frozen Ground, which much surprised his Father, who Emediatly ran out of doors and thought it was the Noyse of an Earthquake. The Blaze that Followed the metior by the mans Acc^t. was not much Biger then a very Large Stars Appearance, when it shoots (as is commonly expre'st.

I hope my son William minds his Studyes and behaves in Carector. Shall be under the Strongest Obligations to you for your Advice and direction in his Studyes—and am Rev^d. Sir

Your most Humble Ser^t.

EPHRAIM BOWEN

Providence Feby 24th 1766

P. S. pray Excuse Inacuracy & hast.

To

The Rev^d. Thomas Clapp
President of Newhaven Coledge
Connecticut

IN JERSEY COLLEGE 1782

Entrance Money	£1.15.
Tuition per ann.	6.
Chamber Rent D ^o .	2.
Board per week	0.12.
Entrance Money for School	20/

. . . Sept., 1783.

{ Abigail Chesebro' b. May 16, 1734
{ Alex^r. Grant, Esq. 9 m^o. older

Eliz^a. Grant, b. Janry. 17, 1762, Halifax

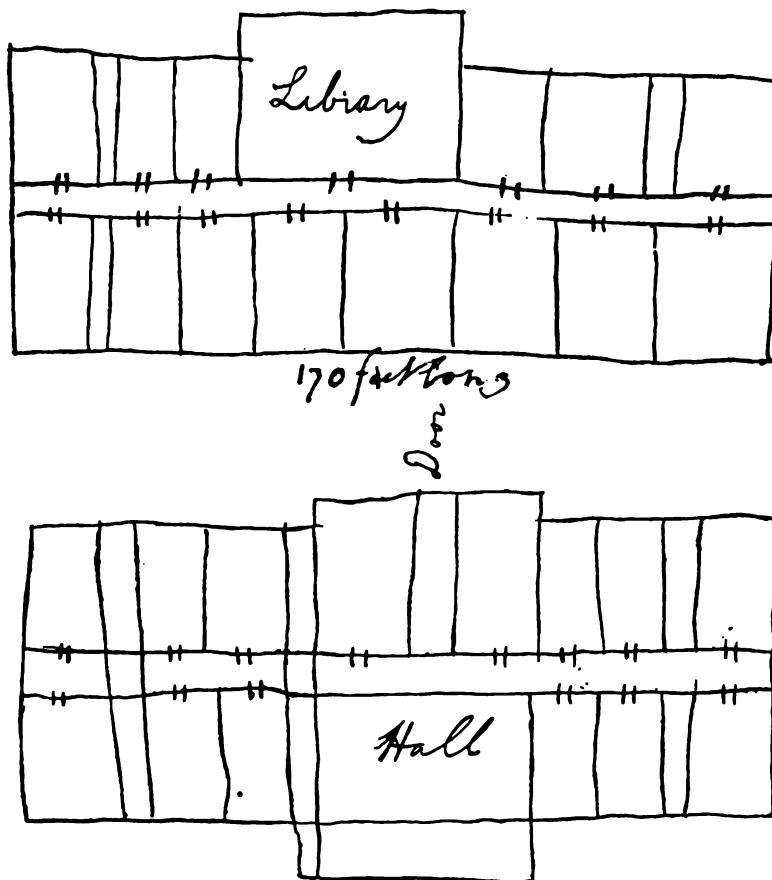
Abig^l. Cheseb. D^o., b. Sept. 16, 1763, Newp^t.

Lond. { Alex^r. William D^o. b. May 23, 1771

{ Marg^t. Sophia D^o. b. ob. Æt. 11 m^o.

. . . Sept., 1784. 4600 Dwell^g. Houses, Philad^a., before Revolu.,
7 or 800 built since. Ex Ore D^r. Sproat . . .

[NASSAU HALL, PRINCETON, SEPTEMBER, 1784.]



Entrance 1 Guinea, Nassau. £6. Tuition. £2. Room Rent each Student. 48 Rooms, besides &c. There are 52 Chambers. 10/ Commons. 7/6 Doll.

5 Doll. Fee Degree &c. 4 Doll. for Deg. & 1 for Diploma.

Gen. Jn^o. Nevill of Chartier, a dozen miles S. E. of Pittsburg.
17 Th. Inhab. in Washington Co., the S. W. Co. in Pensylv^a.

Ex ore Gen. Nevill. . .

4 Classes	
Sen. 1 st .	7
Jun. 2	16
Sop. 3 & 4	30 or 15 each
	53
Lat. Gramm. School	44
Eng. School	65
Math.	45
Germ. Lat.	38
	192
Scholars & Charity	163
	365
Charity Boys (60) & Girls (50)	. . .

. . . May, 1785.

George Allen had a Notion
That he'd found perpetual Motion.
M^r. Greenwood said 'twould do
And all the people s^d. so too.

. . . MY NEWP^t. CONGREG^a. MAY 29, 1785.

	East	West
Body	32	55 present at Meet ^g .
Wall	45	45
Galleries ½	36	33
	113	133
		113
		246 Persons, Whites
		30 Negroes
		276
Tot.	276	

. . . At a Prop^{ra}. Meet^g. held at Newp^t. for the T^o. of Killington in the State of Verm^t., March 22, 1785.

Christ^o. Ellery, Mod^r., Rob^t. Stevens, Clerk.

Voted That a Grist Mill & Saw Mill be erected & built in the T^o. of Kill^{sto}. & that M^r. Jn^o. Barker of Lanesboro in the Commonw. of Mass. be allowed 500 Acres of Land in s^d. T^o. for the Build^g. & Erect^g. the same.

Voted That Jn^o. Barker afores^d. for settl^r in s^d. T^o. with his fam^y. have allowed him 100 Acres of Land for himself, his Wife 1000 Acres, his 3 Sons, Jn^o. &c. 50 Acres each, his other 2 Sons, Sam &c. 200 Acres each, the whole to them & their each respective Heirs forever in their several proportions. The same to be in the T^o. of K. afores^d.

Voted That for Encourag^t. of settlers of s^d. T^o. that the ten first settlers of 21 y. & upw^d. shall have 100 acres of Land each in s^d. T^o. of K. where M^r. Jn^o. Barker shall direct, the s^d. Ten are exclusive of M^r. Barker's Fam^y. & Sons.

Voted That M^r. Barker give Deeds to the settlers before mentioned & described, & his Deeds so given shall be good & valid & bind^d.

Voted That Rob. Stevens the present Clk. be empowered to sign an agreem^t. in Behalf of the Propr^{ty}. with Jn^o. Barker afores^d. agreeable to the Votes of this Meet^g.

Voted That a Petition be presented to the State of Verm^t. signed by Rob. Stevens the Temp^r. Clk. in Behalf of the Prop^{ry}. pray^r. a Ratificⁿ. of the Doings of this Meet^g. & that the Name of the T^o. be altered to that of Ellery.

ROB^t. STEVENS, Clk. pro temp.

In Memory
 of DAVID CHESEBROUGH ESQ.
 of Newport Rhode Island
 Merchant:
 Who was born in Stonington in
 Connecticut 1703:
 Was educated in Boston;
 And afterwards settled in Newport,
 Where he became
 A Merchant of distinguished Eminence.
 He lived with Elegance & Dignity.
 A graceful and noble Dignity of manner
 Ever sat on his majestic Person
 And commanded Respect;
 And possessing Affluence and Riches
 He was liberal to the indigent & distressed;
 A Man of true Religion,
 Of Firm, steady and exemplary Virtue;
 A Pillar of the Second Congregational
 Chh. in Newport:

Where he resided above 50 years,
 Until exiled thence with his Fam^y. in 1776
 By the Calamities of the Civil War
 When he repaired to the Family Estate
 In Stonington
 And where he died March 27, 1782, Æ. 79 or 80
 M^{rs}. Cheseb. ob. March 27, 1782, Æt. 62

. . . Sept. 20, 1785. Sir Miller¹ is offered £5. per m^o. & Board
 at Barrington, but will prefer Gen. Green's offer of £3. sterl^a. &
 Board &c. if the Gen. agrees. . . .

INSCRIBED ON THE FIRST BAPTIST BELL IN PROVIDENCE, 1784.

"For freedom of Conscience this Town was first planted,
 Not force, but *persuasion* was us'd by the people;
 This Church is the oldest, & has not recanted;
 Enjoying, & granting Bell, Temple, & Steeple."

Said to have been composed by M^r. Joseph Brown.

"Nothing O B. can ever tell
 Thy matchless Genius; like the Bell:
 Envy not Pope his fading Bays,
 The Bell will ever sound thy Praise.
 Engrav'd in Brass, thy Lines shall stand;
 The Wonder of fair Freedom's Land."

Sally Marchant.

. . . Eben^r. Richardson Esq. of my Congreg^a. in Newport died
 June 17, A. D. 1785, Æ. 85. . . .

Oct., 1786. M. Louis Chollet, Æt. 50 cir., from Switzerl^d., came
 to N. York Summer 1783 & is settled on Mohawk R. 10 or 12 M.
 above Schenactidy. An ingenious & learned man.

ALBANY. IN THE DUTCH CHH. ARE OFFICERS:

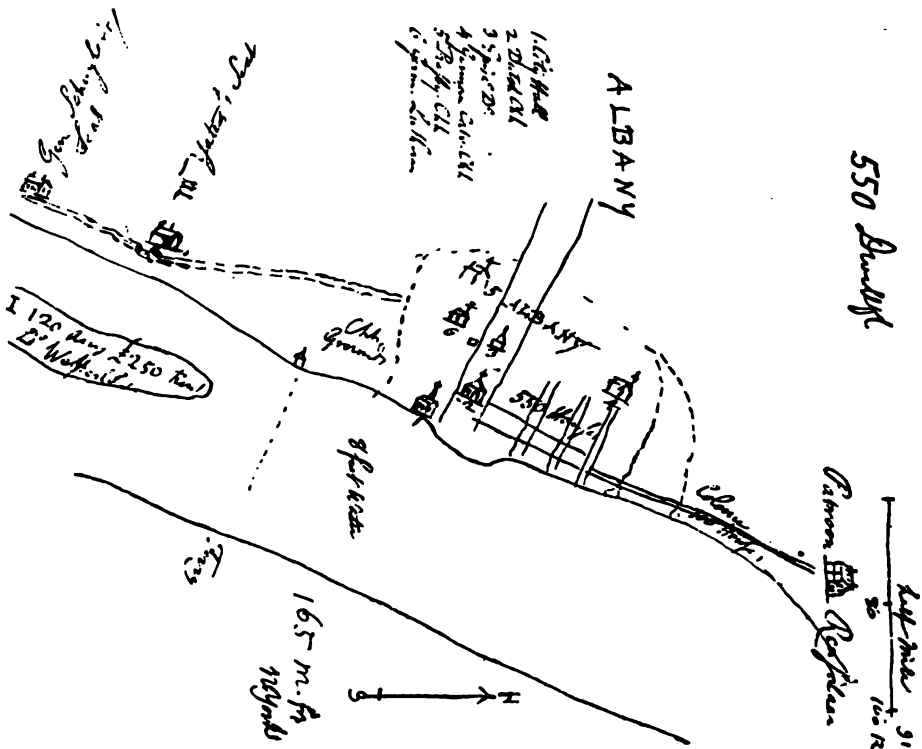
Minister—Rev. D^r. Westerlo, Præses Consistorii.

2 Elders { Abraham Schuyler
 { Henry Quakenbush
 2 Deacons { Jacob Bleeker, jun.
 { Leonard Gansevoort, jun.

¹ Phineas Miller, Y. C. 1785.

- 2 Elders { Cornelius Van Schulyne
Jn^o. E. Bleeker
2 Deacons { Garret Roseboom
W^m. Staats

Annually 2 Eld. & 2 D. elected. The 2^d. year they rise into Gov^t. of Chh.



ACAD^y. AT SCHENECTADY.¹

Vice Presid^{ts}. in Rot^a. once a month:

- M^r. Nicolas VanVranken
M^r. Basset²—Learned Lang.
M^r. Michael Tyms—Eng.

106 Scholars—of w^c. 18 Lat. six Geograph. rest Engl. &c. 3 Math.

¹ The predecessor of Union College.

² Amos Bassett, Yale Coll. 1784.

Acad^y. erected 1785, about 50 x 30 feet, brick; about 300 Dwellth. in T^o. Rev. M^r. Romeyn, Dom^s. . .

Rev. M^r. McDonald admitted into the Univ^y. of Edinburg 1775 and continued study^s. there till 1784 when came to Amer. with D^r. Witherspoon. He is a good Scholar. Æt. 25 cir. . . .

May 8, 1787.

Here is interr'd
The Remains of
Doct^r. John Osborn.
Ask nothing further Traveller
nor nothing shorter
Dyed 31st. May 1753
Æ. 40
Life how short
Eternity how long

Copied fr. a gravestone in Middletown. D^r. Osborn was born on C. Cod—educated at Harv. Coll.—a learned man—a Deist. . . .

D^r. Salter¹ ob. Apr. 14, 1787; called 14 Apr. & ord. June, 1744; born Aug. 10, 1721, in Boston. . .

A man of Congress asked thus,
"How comes it, Poet Tombel,
Your State doth send a Fool to us
Whose Name is William Wimple?"
The Poet did this Speech relate,
"From honest Views we sent him.
The Fools are many in our State,
He goes to represent 'em."

. . DWELLth. HOUSES IN CITY OF HARTF^d. NUMBERED 1786:

N ^o . side Bridge	190
S ^o . side D ^o .	50
	240
add 10 more	10
	250

¹ Rev. Dr. Richard Salter, of Mansfield, Conn.

² The reference is to William Williams, a Signer of the Declaration of Independence. The pseudonym used is that of a simple-minded, officious character in the "Spectator." "Poet Tombel" is John Trumbull (Yale 1767), the author of *McFingal*.

. . Sarah Maw-week, Æt. 67, Wife of Jo Maw-week, living at Nau-ka-tungk or Darby Bridge. . . There are only 3 [Indian] men liv^d. in Darby & a few females. She dont know any Name of her Tribe . . .

1787. Aug. 11. Cheshire. Exam^d. Foot who has read thro' Virg., Tully, & Gr. Test. & 5 Books of Homer's Third & Arith. to the Roots inclusive. Jnⁿ. Alfred Foot, b. June 2, 1774.¹ . . .

DARTM^o. COLL. OCT., 1787

Senior Class	20
Jun.	30
Soph.	30
Fresh.	28
	108

DARTM. APPARATUS.

Air pump double barreld & doub. plated with Receivers, &c. ; 3 setts of Globes 14 Inch. 16 & 18; Electrical App^s. (small); Planetarium; 2 setts of Mechanical Powers; Acromatic Telescope, 30 Inc., 3½ or 4 Inc. Diam., with brass Drawers; Baker's Microscope; Sextant; Godfry's Sextant.

MUSÆUM.

- 2 Indian Arrows with Bone from Otaheita; 2 D^o. fish Hook D^o.; 1 Comb; 36 G. Ship rigged fr. Lond.; a peck of Fossils, Stones, Petrefact. & min.; an Iron Pistolet, singular, plowed up in Chesterfield, 8 Inc. long, half Inc. Diam. upper End, 1¼ In. Diam. . .
 • lower—like a Canon—Use inconceivable—Hollow, dug up perh. 7 y. ago, very rusty yet entire, soldered with Brass & well wrot, with two Springs. . . .

Dart. Coll. 150 ft. long x 51 wide, 33 f. Post—3 Stories, 11, 10, 9 clear—projection in front 8 & 30 broad, Entry thro 10 f. wide, Two cross Entries, no Garret, Cupola 20 f. sqr. . .

HARV. COLL. APPARATUS, £1000. STERL^s.

PROFESSOR'S HOUSE

6 ft. Telescope, 9 Inc. apert—magn. power 300.
 Survey^r. apparatus.
 Variat. Instrum^t.
 Dipp^r. Needle
 Hadley's Quad. } perhaps 5 or 6 G. each.

¹ He entered Yale in 1787 as a Sophomore, and was graduated in 1790.

APPARATUS CHAMBER.

Mechan. Powers, I.

Compound Machine, Comp^d. Lever, Instr^{ts}. for Exp^{ts}. on Mech. Powers; Tubes, Vases, &c. Hydraul. & Hydrost.; Glass Pump.

II.

Pneumatics . . App^s.; Priestly Inst. product. fixt air.

III. Opt.

Double Reflect^r. Microscope; Solar D^o.; $\frac{1}{2}$ Dos. Prisms, 1 double; Lenses, Diam. 10 Inc. to 1 In.—Pulse glass; Prince Rupert's Drops; Pyrometer; Magic Lantern; Eudiometer, 1 G.¹; Sciopic; Elect. Appar. (one about £10. or £12.), with a Box of 15 Bottles . . ; a Whirl^r. Table with app^s. for Expl. central forms—perh. 20 G.

IV.

Variat. Comp.—perh. 5 G.; Orrery—£50.; Planetarium, Lun. & Tell.—perh. 20 or 15 G.

V.

Cometarium, perh. 5 G.; Polished Cylinder & anamorphosis, 1 or 2 G.; Diagonal Glass; old Armill^r. Sphere; Art. & Nat. Magnets; 2 pair Globes, 28 Inc.; Spout^r. Machine.

COURSE OF INSTRUCT. HARV. COLL.

Freshmen, 3 Recit^s. a day

Virg., Tully, Gr. Test^s. omitted. Hor., Salust, Cic. de Orat. & Livy's 5 B.—Homer, Xenoph. Exped. Cyr., Mon., Tu., Wed., Th. Recit^s. 3 times a day. A fournight Lat.—& D^o. Gr. altern^s. for 3 first Terms of 10 W. each, all 3 Recit^s. same. Friday morn^s. Speak^r. & Rhet. Friday & Sat. at X^h. Heb.—Friday p. m. Eng. Gramm. III^b. Sat. Morn^s. Hist. & Chron. Friday XI A. M. Arith.—Last Term, a week on Math., & week Watts Log., Guthrie's Geog.—Log. & Geog. unfinished.

SOPHIMORE, 3 RECIT^s. A DAY.

Log. & Geogr. & Classics.—Euclid 4 first B., Simpson's-Locke. Locke lasts thro' Soph. & Jun. & part of Sen. Year. Read^r. & Speak^r. before Tut.

¹ Guinea.

JUN. SOPH. 3 RECIT^a. TO 21st. MARCH.

Nat. Phil. via Graves^d., Enfield. Continue in Homer & Xeno. till Winter Vac^a., Janry. 1st. Wed.,—then drop Xenop. & assume Gr. Test to End Jun. year.

SEN. SOPH.

Twice a day to Math. & Metap., Tutor, till 21st. Dec. when drop P. M. Recit^a.—thence Morn^a. Recit^a. only till Spring Vac^a. Apr. Recite no more.

The Jun. & Sen. attend two Courses Exp^l. Phil. After Locke in Sen. y. Reid on the Mind & Astron.—Burlemaqui, Law Nat. & Nat. Hist^y. & Chron. every Sat. Morn^a. thro 4 y. . . .

PRIVATE LECT. HARV. COLL.

Prof. Math. takes Soph. once a W. Friday A. M. to Algebra & Geometry, Dial^l., Survey^a., Trigon. & Conic Sections—this carries into Jun. Year.

Prof. Div^y.—2 Sen. Classes—Jun. X & Sen. XI^h. Thursday in Dodd. Lect. Recit^a.—in Chamber.

Prof. Or. Lang. in Eng.—Fresh. Friday P. M.—Soph. Friday A. M. in Heb. Friday P. M. IV, Soph. Eng. Gr. & Composition. Gives Theme Friday & bring in next Friday, then corrects & this returned & corrected Friday follow^a. The 2 Sen. Classes Wed. A. M. on Eng. Gram. & Comp. alternately . .

PUB. LECT.

Pr. Or. Lang. once Week II^h. P. M. Mon.

Pr. Div^y. D^o. II P. M. Tu. & Wed. A. M. Lat. of Westm. Conf. to 2 Sen. Classes in Chapel.

Prof. Math. & Ph. D^o. II D^o. Wed.

Monitors £5. each. Butler's Waiter whole Commons Found & Candles. 14 Waiters in Hall, viz. 2 for Tut. & Grad., viz. Sen. Soph; 6 for Sen. & Jun. Soph., of Jun Class; 6 Soph. & Fr. fr. Soph. All, Commons free.

Candid. A. B. all waits at Commenc^t. Dinner . . None dine Commenc^t. in Hall but A. M., no A. B.—200 at Comm. Dinner. Cand. pay 5 Doll. For Degree 5 Doll. Cold Dinner—Roast Lamb, Beef & Ham—no Pastry—Cost half &c. Wine & Punch . .

Presid ^t . Willard	£120. Rent & £200. to £300.	
Professor Wigglesworth, Div ^y .		} £150. each fr. Coll. & Court £100.
Prof. W ^m ., Phil.		
Prof. Pearson, Heb. &c.		
or Orient. Lang. & Eng.		
MED. PROF.		
D ^r . Warren, Anat., Surg.		} ———
D ^r . Waterhouse, Theory & Pr.		
D ^r . Dexter, Chem., Mat. Med.		
TUTORS		
M ^r . James, Lat.		} £100. + £20.
M ^r . Jennison, Gr.		
M ^r . Abbot, Log. & Metap.		
M ^r . Webber, Math., &c.		

Gov. Eaton¹ m. a young Lady in Lond. & she died in London, leav^g 2 Daughters, one Mary m. to M^r. Valentine Hill. 2^d. Wife a Bp's. D. & she left by Gov. Eaton a D. m. to Gov. Jones.

M^r. Hill came over with M^r. Dav. & Gov. E.² & settled at B^o. after marry^g. the Gov's. D. Mary; by w^m. he had 2 Children;—Nath^l. Hill, Mary Hill m. Rev. M^r. B of Durham.³ M^r. Nath^l. Hill settled at Durh. & Newb^y[?] & m. M^{rs}. Sarah Nutter, by w^m. he had Issue: Valentine Hill; Sam^l. Hill; Mary D^o.; Abigail Hill; Sarah, Æt. 89, 1787.

Miss Sarah Hill m. Col. D Warner of Portsm^o. Issue, Daniel; Jon^a.; Nath^l.; W^m.; Sam^l.; Sarah, m. M^r. Henry Sherburne.

M^r. Nath^l. Hill ob. Æt. 83 about 40 y. ago or after M^r. Whitf^d. came.

Madam Warner born at N..... descended fr. Gov. Eaton by his first Wife.

Deacon Parker of D^r. Coleman's Chh. B^o. m. an Eaton D. of Gov. Eaton's Son.

M^r. Nath. Hill Æt. 6 w. when M^r. Valent. Hill died at Durh. He & Wife died at Durh. . . .

¹ Theophilus Eaton, first Governor of the Colony of New Haven.

² He came from London to Boston in 1636.

³ John Buss, or Busse, born 1640, died 1736, was a preacher in Durham. N. H., and may be the person meant; but this account is in other respects obviously incorrect.

May, 1788. Rev^d. Jn^o. Trumbull's Estate £5000. Real & £2000. or £1800. in public Securities, & £500. personal or moveables, besides £300. L. M. in Notes & Bonds &c. Ob. 1787. . .

MEMOIRS JN^o. TRUMBULL ESQ. POET.

1750 Apr. 24, N. S., born at Westbury.

Æt. 2, began Primer & learned to read in half a year without School. Mother taught him all the Primer Verses & Watts' Children's Hymns before read.

Æt. 4. Read the Bible thro'—before 4. About this time began to make Verses. First Poetry, Watts' Lyrics, & could repeat the whole—& only poetical Book he read till Æt. 6.

Æt. 5. Attempted to write & print his own Verses—Sample large hugeous Letters. This first attempt of writ^g. by himself—& before writ^g. after Copy. Scrawls.

Æt. 6. In Spring began to learn Latin & learnd half Lilly's Grammar before his Father knew it—catch^g. it as his Father was instruct^g. Southmayd: same Spring as six y. old. Learned Quæ genus by heart in a day. Tenacious Memory.

Æt. 9. On a Wager laid—to commit to mem^o. one of Salmon's Pater Nosters in a quarter of an Hour—he effected it—recit^g. by Mem^o. the Pater Noster in Hungarian and Malebar: & retains it to this day. I heard him repeat the Hung^a. .

Æt. 7 $\frac{1}{3}$, in Sept. 1757, Entered Yale College—hav^g. fitted for Coll. in one year & half—hav^g. learnt Cordery, Tully's XII Select Orat., Virgil's Eclogues & all the Æneid (not Georg.) & 4 Gospels in Greek.

Æt. 8. Read Milton & Thompson's Seasons—Telemachus & the Spectators. These all the poetical & belles Books till Æt. 13.

Æt. 13 $\frac{1}{3}$, Sep. 1763. Entered College again & resided there. Before this read Homer & Horace & Tully de Oratore.

Versified half the Psalms before Æt. 9, when he first saw Watts' Psalms, & laid aside & burnt his own. Before 4 Æt. upon first read^g. Watts' Lyrics he cried because he dispaired of ever being able to write Poems like Watts.

Æt. 17, Graduated at Y. C. & resided as Dean's Scholar till took 2^d. Degree. Then lived one y. at Wethersfld.

Æt. 21, Elected Tutor Y. C. & in office 2 years.

1773, Resigned Tutorship hav^g. studied Law one year.

1774, One year studied Law under D^r. Jn^o. Adams in Boston & left Sep. 1774.

1775. Fall wrote 2 first Cantos of McFingal, printed Jany. 1776.

1782, Janry. to Apr.—wrote the rest of McFingal: printed Sept.

Ex Ore John Trumbull, May 14, 1788. . . .

In convers^a. with M^{rs}. Benedict, May 20, 1788, she told me about Indian Sacrifices. She was M^r. Bennet's Daughter and was born near the Indian Town about Newtown or Ripton. She told me she had often heard her mother tell of a grand Indian Powaw at that place when 5 or 600 Ind. were assembled at that place, com^e. from a dist^a. all around as far as Farmington, Hartfd. &c. That it lasted 2 or 3 days. That her Mother when Æt. 12. cir. at this time saw among others that came from abroad two Squaws & a little Pop-poose Girl about her bigness or less—all dressed up fine; she saw the little Girl led between these two Squaws, one her Mother & the other her Aunt; that they led her into the Body of the Indians in Triumph, when the Indians set up their High Powaws—but tho' many English people were round about, yet none dare to go into the Indian Croud; what was done with the little Girl M^{rs}. Bennet know not. But at length the two Ind. Squaws came forth from the midst, alone & by themselves, hav^e laid aside all Ornam^{ts}., & went off or walked away, howling, crying & lament^e. in the most mournful Distress; M^{rs}. Bennet asked these weeping mourn^e. Squaws what had become of their little Girl that they carried in with them? but the Squaws would give no account what had become of her, but said "that they should never see that little Girl any more." M^{rs}. Bennet said, she then believed, & every body else believed, that the Indians then sacrificed that little Girl. The Indians kept it secret from the English—but the Eng. believed that the Ind. sometimes offered human Sacrifices in their Powaws.

M^{rs}. Bennet died about a dozen years ago Æt. 60 & supra. So that this Powaw might have been perhaps 1725 or perhaps as far back as 1720—but M^{rs}. Benedict could not ascertain the time. The Story however she often heard from her Mother and her Mother did not doubt the fact of sacrific^e that Girl.

Ex ore M^{rs}. Benedict, perh. Æt. 40.¹

¹ Rhoda, wife of Rev. Noah Benedict, of Woodbury. She was born in 1743.

Sept. 1788 . . In Chelsea¹ 1787, 181 Dwell^hhouses, 230 Families, 1400 Souls of w^c. perhaps 100 Negroes. 50 y. ago but three Dwell^h. . . .

N. Div^y. ASSOCIATION.

M ^r . Judson, Taunton	M ^r . Robbins, Plym ^o .
M ^r . Hopkins, Newp ^t .	M ^r . LeBaron, Rochester
M ^r . Emmons	M ^r . Barker, Middleboro'
M ^r . Sanf ^d .	M ^r . W ^m ., B
M ^r . Everett, Wareham	M ^r . Weld, Brantree
M ^r . Avery, Wrenth.	M ^r . Judson, Malden ² .
M ^r . Niles, Abington	

17—

Assembled once a Month circularly—selected on a Territ^y. 60 or 70 Miles square.

Preach Lect. in places without Invit^a. Min. . . . Set. 8 or 10 y. ago chiefly by Mess^{rs}. Judson & Hopkins & Emmons.

Everett wanted to kill God & willing to lie down in eternal Flames in Hell eternally to get away fr. God.

Niles, LeBaron, Judson, &c. call^g. Lectures all round in Parishes &c.

M^r. West³ will oppose forever these Positions &c.:—

1. God Killing—stamp him under his feet.

2. Willing to go to Hell & be damned.

3. Sin-Creat^g. God—God's creat^g. Sin of Men [and] Devils.

D^r. Hall, Sutton, says he is a Calvinist—but asked some N. Div^y. Gent^l on above Positions—they averred. He then s^d. he rejected them & he had heard they held &c.—did not believe it of them before. But he soon found &c. He declared he would not more ask them preach—& he determined to withdraw fr. the Sutton Associ^a. as he found some of this kind Gent. among them. . . .

¹ A parish in Norwich, Conn., now called Norwich Landing.

² These were mainly Yale graduates, viz., Ephraim Judson, 1763, Taunton; Samuel Hopkins, 1741, Newport; Nathanael Emmons, 1767, Franklin; David Sanford, 1755, Medway; Noble Everett, 1775, Wareham; David Avery, 1769, Wrentham; Chandler Robbins, 1756, Plymouth; Lemuel LeBaron, 1768, Rochester; Joseph Barker, 1771, Middleboro'; Ezra Weld, 1759, Braintree; Adoniram Judson, 1775, Malden.

Samuel Niles was of the College of New Jersey, 1769; "Mr. W^m" is not identified.

³ Rev. Samuel West (Harvard College 1754), of Dartmouth, Mass.

RH. ISL'D COLL. 1788.

60 Undergrad. 4 Doll. per Qu^r. Tuition. 1 Doll. Room Rent per Qu^r. $\frac{1}{4}$ Doll. Lib^r. fees per Qu^r. 9^d. per Ann. Glass. Sal^r. Presid^t. £100. or Residue of &c. Tuition Money—Land keep^r. 2 Cows &c. Tutor Sen. £80. Tut. Flynt £60. Tut. Maxy 40. of w^c. £18. for Lib^r. Commons $\frac{7}{3}$ per week. Deg. Money 4 Doll. Two Recit^a. a day, after Morn^g. Prayers & at II P. M. . . .

Newp^t. Oct. 15, 1788. Rec^d. of Major Jn^o. McWhorter of Middleton Rh. Isl'd. Thirty four pounds six shill^{ing}. & 9^d. L. Silver M. on Acc^o. of Rent for the White Hall Farm & Interest to be delivered in New Haven to the Pres^t. & Fellows of Y. C. but without Risq^g. it or Casualties excepted.

EZRA STILES.

. . . Lewis Barnet was in Lond. Barnet Lewis—pursued there to be taken up on suspicion of poison^g. D. Marl^b. in 1759, escaped on Board a W. Ind. Ship & arrived at Kingston in Jamaica—there guilty of a new capital Crime, fled on board a northwd. Vessel & landed at Plym^o. N. Eng. about Xtnas. 1759. Wandered in N. Eng., Nova Scotia & N. York, keep^r School, read^r Prayers & Preach^g. & Lying & deceiv^g. &c. 5 or 6 y. and then insinuat^r. himself into the Knowl. of the Trade of some N. Y. Merch^{ts}. went home to Lond., informed, & as a Rev^d. obtained a Liv^g. in N. Carolina. He kept School in Newp^t. 1762. A Villain! M^r. West & I knew him at Plym^o. 1760.

M^r. West says Lewis John Barnard, & claimed Rel^a. to Gov. Barnard. This 1760. Afterwds. when kept School in Newp^t. he wrote a Lett. to M^r. West & signed it Lewis Barnet. This is the serpentine Character who probably poisoned the Duke of Marlbro' in 1759 and afterwds. took Orders & by order of the Brit. Minister of State to Gov. Dobbs or the Gov. of N^o. Car^o. was inducted into a Liv^g. of £100. per ann. there, as a Reward for his turning Informer ag^t. some Merch^{ts}. in N. York who were in clandestine Trade 1766 . . .

May, 1789. Here Rests y^e Body of y^e Rev^d. M^r. Edward Taylor y^e Aged Venerable Learned & Pious Pastor of y^e Church of Christ in this Town who after He had served God and his Generation

Faithfully for Many Years fell asleep June 24th 1729 in y^e. 87th.
year of his Age.

In Westfield Burying Place.

In Memory of Ruth Relict of y^e Reverend M^r. Edward Taylor
Died January y^e. 27 1730 in the year of her age.

Hope humbly then,

With trembling Pinions soar, &c.

Sept., 1789.

MORRIS FAM^r.

Lewis	} ob. without Issue
Richard	
Jn ^o .	
	} Morris
	} in Engl ^d .

Lewis settled after Conquest Jamaica in Barbadoes & had Plant^a.
200 Slaves. Then settled Morrisania 3500 Acres, bro't 150 Neg.—
Quaker. Invited Br. Rich^d. to Barb^a. who had only Child Lewis
afterw^{ds}. Gov. N. Jersey, a very learned Man—R^d. ob. N. Y. leav^e.
Lewis 2^d. a Boy.

Gen. Lewis Morris father of Col. Lewis of Charleston, S^o.
Car^o. . .

Lewis 1 a Col^o. in Cromwell's Army, afterw^{ds}. died a Quaker at
Morrisania. I saw his Will. Rich^d. was opulent in Wales. But
went to his Br. at Barbadoes where his Wife died leav^e. the Infant
Gov. Lewis, W^m. his father Rd. bro't. over with him to N. York
& died soon leav^e. the little Gov. an only Child & orphan six Months
old—only Heir to Quaker Lewis.

The Gov. was a Renegade in Youth, so that his Uncle the Quaker
was disposed to have disinherited him, but for a written Contract
between the 2 B^{rs}. Lewis & R^d., that the Survivor or Issue shd.
inherit all the Estate of both.

The Gov. travelled to Europe & W. Ind.—his uncle had put him
to School to a Quaker at L. Isl^d., who taught him well to write
&c. In Jamaica he became Clerk &c. & applied to Letters on his
Return to N. York—& came to possess Estate about 1696 & died
about 1746 Æt. 75 cir.

Jn^o. was a Loyalist Officer & died in Engld., no Issue.

Ex Ore Gen. Morris.

. . . Marble may tell Posterity y^t. M^r. Tho^s. Taylor a first Settler
of Danbury departed this Life Janry. 1734/5 Æt. 92. He had ten

Children by his only Wife Rebecca, the eldest Tho^s. died aged 90. Joseph 90, Jn^o. 70, Dan^l. 94, Tim^o. 56, Nathan 100, Theoph. 90, Deborah 80, Rebecca 99, Eunice 90. Had no other Children.

Rev^d. Nath^l. Taylor of N. Milfd. b. Aug. 27, 1722, at Danb^r., son of Dan^l. Taylor (Æt. 94), son of Tho^s. the Ancestor.

The Father of Tho^s. lived in Windsor & saild fr. New Haven in the Ship that was lost in Vision. His W^o. married & moved to Norwalk with son Tho^s.—Jn^o. & Joseph Twins.

Ex Ore Rev^d. M^r. Taylor, N. Milfd. 9 Oct., 1789. . .

N. London, Aug^t. 13th, 1712 .
9 at Night

Major Clark,

A Post from Hartford this Minute tells me that some sculking Indians are discovered on the back of our Frontier Towns of Colechester, Lebanon, Mansfield &c. So that I have determined to cover them with a Scout of 14 or 15 men half of which I design to be Mohegan Indians. This requires your Presence in that Frontier, to form & settle that Scout: and I send this Express to tell you that I expect you here early to morrow Morning to attend my further Order.

G. SALTONSTALL.

On her Majesty's Service.

To Maj. JOHN CLARK
at Saybrook.

With great Hast, G. SALTONSTALL.

WEALTHY MINISTERS IN CONNECT. 1790

Rev^d M^r. Avery—Stamfd.

Taylor—N. Milfd. £3,000

Rexford—Huntington

Bellamy—Bethl. £1,800

Brinsmead—Judea £3,500

Bordwell (Wife)—Kent

Gould—Cornwal £3,000

Chase—Litchfd, S^o.

Robbins—Norfk.

Edwds.—N. Haven Genesee Lands 30,000 Acres

Foot—Chesh. Cost £90 or £100)

Robinson—S^othington 150 Head Cattle

Smalley—N. Brit 150 D^o.

Pitkin—Farm^s. £3,000

Prudden—Enfd.

Bray (Wife)—Cohabit

Chan^s. (Wife)—N. Lond.

Strong—Coventry
 Lockwd.—Andover £2,500
 Colton—Bolton
 Hart—Preston £1,500
 Strong (Wife)—Hartfd.
 Marsh (D^c.)—Wethfd.
 Perry (D^c.)—Judea—Opulent

No really indigent Minister in the State. They each half support themselves. Not one supported by his Sal^y. or People. Only 4 really poor & suffer^d. out of say 170 Ministers . .

May, 1790. In Hartfd. Chh. originally Elder W^m. Goodwin, Elder Clement Chaplin (last in old Chh.).

Goodw. went to Hadley with Rev^d. M^r. Russell, Clem^t. went to Bay.

Then Elder Jn^o. White, ob. prob^y. 1690, last Elder. White was Eld. of new Chh. Sat in Pulpit with his Pastoral Staff.

Wethersfd.—Elder S

Windsor—Elder Strong.

Ex Ore Sec^y. Wyllys.

Rev. M^r. Sherman came up with a Detachm^t. of his Congreg^a. fr. Watert^o. & gathered & settled it in Chh. State at Wethersfd. & ord. M^r. Hen. Smith a young Minister—and then returned to his Flock at Watert^o.

Ex Ore Sec^y. Wyllys.

M^r. Gibbons, Stew^d. of the first Geo. Willis, got much of the Estate—esp^y. in manag^t. of the Estate of Sam^l. Willis a Minor. After Sam^l. left Coll. & took his Estate &c. he commenced a Law-suit ag^t. Gibbons & so Alien^a.

Gibbons fr. Noth^a. grew rich & his Wife after his D. had an Estate of 1 or £200 Sterl^g. fell to her in Engld. The Heiress & only Child of Gibbons m. a M^r. Richards of Boston. He came & settled at Hartfd. and was the Occasion & Promoter of the Chh. Quarrel w^c. divided them into 2 Chhs. in the Day of Haynes & Whit^a. . . .

Rev^d. M^r. Prudden of Enfd. was born at Milfd. & well acquainted with the Pond Fam^y. there. The Boys were all enterprising, bold & adventurous. When the last Fr. War begun w^c. was 1754 & 1755, they would list one after another in the Army. Peter Pond might

be then 17 or 18 *Æt.* & so born about 1737 or 1736. He rose to an Ensigncy by the Peace 1763. In the War he & his Brothers had become acquainted with the Wildness & Indian & Fur Trade. And after Peace 3 or 4 Brs. were concerned in Fur trade among Indians. Peter went a Voyage to W. Ind. About 1766 he went into the Ind. Country & trad^g. in furs was absent from his Wife & family seven years. In connexion with Brs. a Trade thus:—They sent down Furs in Hudson R. to N. York—sold them for goods in Fall—came & traded out the Goods at Milfd. in the Winter & made remitt^a. to N. Y. In Spring took up Goods suitable for Ind. Trade & spent the Summer in Ind. Countries. Thus circuitously till Br. Zech^a. was cut off by Indians. After Absence of y. Peter visited his Fam^y. at Milfd.—then 1773 went off again to the Sources of Mississippi & spent there & on the N. W. Waters to 64th. deg. Lat. seventeen years—employed in a System of a Fur Trade Comp^a. at Quebec which kept up 21 Trad^g. Houses guarded by 800 West of. L. Superior almost over to Western Ocean. In March 1790 Cap^t. Peter Pond returned again to his Country & Fam^y. at Milford.

. . . Rev. M^r. Strong of Hartfd. has but a poor Opinion of D^r. Wales' Method of composing Sermons as he told me upon my saying I thot the D^r. was most excellent in his Sermonizing . . .

TRUMBULL'S RANK EPIC POETS

Homer-Milton	Lucan
Virgil	Ercilla
Tasso	Statius
Camoens	Cowley
Ariosto	Claudian
Ossian	Voltaire
Spenser	Silius Italicus
¹ Dwight	&c.

. . . A man of E. Guilfd being near Killingw^o. joynd Killingw^o. Chh. w^c. was Presb. fr. begin^g. Afterwds. he thot Guilfd. purer—but Guilfd. Chh. w^c. was Cong., would not admit him without a Relation &c. anew. . . .

¹"A proper Correction might fix it here or perhaps raise it &c. Its present faults will endanger its sinking at least two Deg. lower."

About 1730 M^r. James Pierpont then of Boston in a Visit to New Haven convers^d. with Tutors & Grad. Yal. Coll.: at Guilfd M^r. P—— asserted that Y. Coll. was corrupted & ruined with Arminianism & Heresy. M^r. Todd heard of it, then Undergrad. being at Guilfd. Return^d. to N. H. he informed Rector W^m. of the Report. The Rector sent Todd & Walker (Col.) over to Guilfd. & they went & took of M^r. Hill &c. Depositions of the Assertion of M^r. P—— before Auth^r. & brot it to the Rector who &c.

Ex Ore M^r. Todd Æt. 79.

False Aspersion of Coll. without any just Found^a. In 1745 & 1750 the same Aspersion revived by New Lights—with as little Foundation. . . .

Sept., 1790. Gov. Wolcott I born at Symsbury. Symsb^r. burnt three times by the Indians. At one of these Times the Governor's father removed again into Windsor fr. whence they came; the Gov. then very small—probably in K. Philip's War 1676 . . .

The Rev^d. M^r. Robinson settled at Southington 1780 with nothing. Now 1790 he is possessed of a good two-story house & Farm of acres. This year he has about a dozen acres of Ind. Corn & perhaps as many of Eng. Grain. He has 40 Hives of Bees. He has Stock above a hundred Cows let out in different parts of his Parish, & 6 or 8 pair of Oxen. He hires two men & will sow this fall 23 acres of Wheat, fr. w^c. is expected 400 Bush. next Harvest.

He gave £900 for his House & 50 Acres & £45. for 4½ Woodland adjoyning. Bot 50 acres 2 or 3 Miles off less than 40/ per acre. Has 30 acres on Plain. Tot. 150 Acres Land in Town. Has 100 Cows let out & doz. pair Oxen let, beside 2 pair Oxen he keeps himself. Lets a Cow & Calf for 2 y. to be then returnd. Lets the Cow again & keeps the 2 yearl^g. w^c. has a Calf 3^d y. & is to be let out with Calf & so on increas^g. & add^g. &c. . . .

E. WINDSOR, N^o. PARISH, 1789

Polls—214 Males above 21 to 70

D^o. Minors 61 Males Æt. 16 to Æt. 21

275			
Plow land	2800 Acres	Sheep	1781
Clear Pasture	1710	Oxen	197

Bog	175	Cows	454
Meadow	217	2 y. olds	168
Brush Pasture	1964		
Woodld. 1 st .	1540	Neat Cattle	819
D ^o . 2	3630	Horses	180
D ^o . 3	1030		
	13066 Acres		

Tot. List £9277, except Sheep. About 1000 Souls or 200 Fam. Militia 140 Privates in one Comp^a., the biggest in the State. . .

Rev. M^r. Kellog of Bolton has 150 Acres—lately bot 70 @ £4, £280. Raised this y. 19 Acres Eng. Grain, 7 Acres Ind. Corn—3 Cows—Dairy &c. Lives well. His Sal^y. only £60 of w^c. half pd. to Tradesmen in his Parish. I find all the Ministers maintain themselves by Farm^s., if live comfortably.

The Hon. John Bulkley Esq. of Colchester, who for a number of years was a great Honor to an uncommon Variety of exalted Stations in Life. Morte subitariâ corripuit Julii the 21st. A. D. 1753 Anno Ætatis suæ 49.

Beloved & feared for Virtue's sake
Such Virtue as the Great doth make.

Aged M^r. Waterman b. 1708 tells me when Æt. 10 he was present at an Ind. Powaw at Mohegan—& also at New Corn Feast—at w^c. last they danced all Night—No Sacrifice of Animals.

OCT. 2, 1790.

INDIAN MOHEGAN ROYAL BURYING GROUND ONE MILE S. E. FR. NORWICH COURTH. TOWDS. LAND^a.

Here lies SAM UNCAS the second and beloved Son of his Father John Uncas who was the Grandson of UNCAS Grand Sachem of MOHEGAN, the Darling of his Mother being Daughter of said UNCAS Grand Sachem. He Died July 31st. 1741 in the 28th. year of his age.

Here lies Ann Aucom aged 19 years who died March 1737. She was born of the only Daughter of the first BEN UNCAS who was a Sachem and a Son of the first Uncas Sachem of Mohegan.

Here lyes the Body of Elizabeth Uncas the Daughter of TAU-MAUG and ANN UNCAS Grandchild of Ben Uncas Sachem and Great Grand Child of the first Uncas Sachem of Mohegan who died willingly Nov. 1741 in the 19th. year of her Age.

Here lies the Body of Pompei Uncas Son of Benjamin and Ann Uncas & of y^e. Royal Blood who died May y^e. 31st. 1740 in y^e 21st. yeare of his age.

On a Foot Stone of Sam. Uncas

SAMUEL UNCAS

For Beauty Wit for sterling Sence
For Temper mild for Eliquence
For Courag Bold For things waureegun
He was the Glory of Mohegan
Whose Death has caused great lematation
Both in y^e. English & the Indian Nation.

Copied from the Graves Stones by Ezra Stiles Oct. 2, 1790.

. . In 1757 were 912 Blanket Indians in Stonington exclusive Groton. Ex ore D^r. Phelps, Overseer. . .

EPISC^o. FAM. N. LOND. 1790

M ^r . Franc. Winthrop	W ^o . Potter
M ^r . Goddard	Allen, jun.
Horton	Holt
Parkin, Esq.	Tracy
Woodwd.	Angel
Deshon	Rice
Sisterra	De Jean
Powers	Packwod
Hallam, Geo.	D ^o .
D ^o .	Jeffery
Deshon, Jn ^o .	D ^o .
Seabury, Jun.	Wilson
Allen, Tho ^s .	Denton, Newp ^t .
D ^r . Taylor	Powers
Cheney	Saltonst., Cap ^t . Ros.
Trueman, Univ.	Seabor
Steward	Madam Winthrop
Durivage, Fr.	Penniman
Fosdick	Luke, Cap ^t .
Shepard	Billings

Miller, Esq.

Starr

D^o.D^o.

Christophers

Wheat

Tilly

Boyd

Durfy.

Allen, Cap^t.

50

Presb. 220 Fam^{rs}.

Rev. M^r. Channing ord. N. Lond. May 17, 1787. By Oct. 7, 1790, has admitted 96 Communicants & baptized 87. Chh. now consists of 44 Brethren 94 Sisters; at Ordin^a. Chh. 6 Br. 28 Sisters.

M^r. Chan^g. practises private Baptisms & private Communion; reads the Scriptures in public Congregation with a Blessing; receives those who own the Cov^t. afterwds. to Ld's Table without new Profession.

IND. USAGES EXTENSIVE.

1. Pluck^d. Beard.
2. Avenger of Blood.
3. Powaws to Evil Spirits.
4. Immortality.
5. Burying Utensils &c. with dead.
6. Women do all the Work except Hunting & War—esp^y. carry^z.
Baggages & tilling Ground.
7. Smoak^g. Tobacco.
8. Pipe of Peace at national Councils.
9. Erect Burials.
10. Children & Men strait limbs & no decrepid or deformed.
11. Plebeian Confidence, implicit Faith in their Priests who keep
all secret.
12. Powaws are Prophets.
13. Anniv^y. Feasts—first Fruits.
14. Markt Cheeks & faces.
16. Adoption & Rites of Hospitality or Frdshp. sacred.
17. Cloath^g. Skins—Naked Thighs &c.
18. Sachems hereditary.
19. Painting Warriors.
20. Council Fires &c.
21. Belts of Wampum for Mem^o of National Treaties.
22. Easy Parturition—a day or two by—more usually travel same
day.

23. Radical Language.
24. Ursa major, called by names in Ind. Lang. for *Bear*.

Gov. Winthrop I of Connect. the Philosopher, left a Musæum of nat. Curiosities, Fossils, Minerals & apothecary &c., efficacious Drugs & materia Medica for Chemistry & Medicine. D^r. Coit tells me the possessor disposed part of it this War. . .

NEW DIVINITY.

1. Deny Imput^a. of Sin & Right.
 2. D^o. Depravity only of Will. Und. good.
 3. Man has nat. power to do all duty.
 4. Unregen. do noth^a. towds. Grace.
 5. God chuses Sin & more honored by it than by Holiness.
 6. Reason Thanks God for Fall of Men & Devils & our own personal actual Sins.
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Gov. Griswold now Æt. 76 born at Lyme 1710, fitted for College, settled a Farmer, studied Law proprio Marte, bot him the first consider^a. Law Library in Connect., took Att^o. Oath & began Practice 1743—a good Reader of Law.

Has a fine Library of well chosen Books, 140 Fol. & 400 other Volumes, or about 550 Volumes now left in his Study, besides a part of his Lib^y. given to his Son in Norwich. About 200 Law Books, the rest Hist^y. & Divinity.

On leav^a. the Chair of Gov^t. he went to Farming. He has a Farm of 400 acres, Stock 100 Head of Cattle, cuts 100 Loads Hay (Eng. besides Salt), 22 Acres Ind. Corn & 80 Bush. Wheat & 400 Bush. Oats raised this year. Hires 6 or 7 Men, 38 & 40 Cows, Dairy 3 W^{ts}. Cheese, 400 lb. Butter Fall Sales. In perfect Health of Body & Mind. Lame yet vigorous, Cart^a. 400 Loads Dung, Seaweed &c. last year. At head of Gov^t. had 40 Head Cattle & cut 40 or 50 Loads of Hay only. Has 50 acres Salt Marsh; 18 or 20 Stacks Hay now round his Barn, 3 or 4 Tons each.

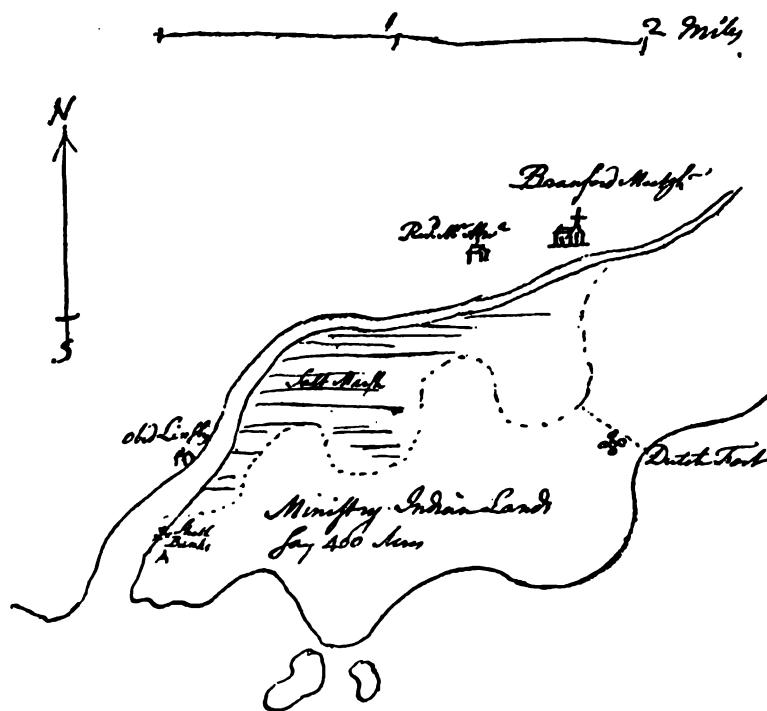
. . . Rev^d. M^r. Remalie¹ of Newport, New Hamp., refuses occas. Commun. to Killingw^o. Members—says all the Seaside Chhs. are too corrupt to hold Commun. with.

¹ John Remele.

Verm^t. abounds with the New Div^y. &c., Sin to pray God for regeneratⁿ. Grace—Chh. Committee settle all Lawsuits—no com^s. to Law for Chh Members before civil Courts—Dancing a censurable Evil—So says M^r. Kenny of Groton.

M^r. Rem. convicted, deposed, Action Defamⁿ., Damages brot in one shill^s.

Branford, Oct. 19, 1790. Here the Residence of the Totoket Tribe. Immense Bodies of Shells on the rocky Shores left by the Ind. & evincing a once numerous Population.



At A the greatest Body of Shells that I ever saw, tho' I have examined the Sea Coast from N. York to C. Cod.

Col^o. Butler of Niagara told D^r. Eliot 1790 that the Missasauga Indians N. & N. W. of L. Ontario once a year sacrificed a Dog.

Deacon of Lyme or Hadly told M^r. Ely that his Father saw a Fawn sacrificed by Indians on a Rock called Obed's

Altar half way between Potapaug & Saybrook . . M^r. Devotion confirms this Story.

Obed was an old Indian of Sayb. well known & after becom^g. Xtian informed that the Ind. really had Sacrifices & that this Fawn was offered on the Rock or Altar as a religious Act. . . .

May, 1791. Rev^d. Mess^{rs}. Sanford, Bacon, Emmons, Alexander, Niles, Foster, &c.—Deny the Sacrifice & Atonement. Niles took it fr. Bellamy's Glory of &c. Bacon fr. Taylor.

. . Sept., 1791. D^r. W^m. Fletcher ob. March 9, 1788, Æt. 42. "He lived the Life of a Gentleman, And died like a Philosopher." . . .

Rev. Sol^o. Townsend¹ born at Boston Oct. 24, 1716.

Ships of 400 Tons build^g. at Warren, where 25 sail vessels belong. 13 Thousd. Tons Shipp^g. in Providence of Vessels above 50 Tons—besides 30 under, includ^g. Fish^g. Vessels. . . .

Ground Hog 5 Inc. long taken at Barrington 1791, given to Musæum of Y. Coll. by Rev. Sol^o. Townsend.—Also Balm Gilead. . . .

In 1743 of about 400 Ministers in all N. E. 130 New Lights—& of these only 30 violent.

Hingham, 2300 Souls in 2 Parishes, of w^c. D^r. Shute's 600. Inhab. much employed in Pail Mak^g. & powder^g Tub & sett work Cooper Manufact^y., to amount about 4000 Doz. Pails or perhaps 50000 Pails per ann. at one Doll. a doz., equal £1000 or £1200 per ann. sold abroad.

The maker receives the Cedar & makes to the Halves. Makes half a doz. per day, has 3 for himself or 1/6 for his day's work—& yet live well. Have stock fr. Kennebec.

Academy, Abner Lincoln, A.M., present & first Preceptor. Founded by D^r. Hersey's Widow, who marry^g. M^r. Derby of Salem

¹ Harvard Coll. 1735. Minister of Barrington, Rhode Island.

& hav^e. no Issue endowed it by name of Derby. She gave £2000 to Harv. Coll. besides her Husband's Don^a. of £1000 for Med. Pr. She built

Acad ^y . Edifice cost	£1000
3 Houses—Rent £12 each	900
In Cash & Notes	2500
Mass. State Notes	3200
Loan Off. & Indents	600
	£8200

1 Preceptor	£100	finally £150 Sal ^y .
1 Usher	£ 60	
1 Mistress for Girls	£ 42	
	£202	

Ann. Sermon £6
Left £140 Increas^e. Fund.

In Hingham A. D. 1791 besides Acad^y. 4 Pub. Schools of which 1 Grammar. Settle all civil Disputes by References without Law. But one Jury Action for 45 years last past. This is original & present Hingham Law. All Congreg^a., not a single Dissenter. No religious Disputes. No Dissent in the Chh. so as to call Chh. Meet^e. since the Found^a. of the Chh. w^c. was gathered in Engld.

Ex Ore Mr. Thaxter & Dr. Lincoln.

Gramm. Schoolm ^r .	£ 56
3 Eng. D ^o . £36 each	108
Ministers	135
Dr. Shute	80
Derby School	202
Min ^y . & Learn ^e .	£581
Derby School—40 Boys	
50 Girls	

Boys taught Eng. Gramm., orat^y., Math., Geogr., Hist^y &c., Writ^e.

Girls taught read^e., Writ^e., Arith., Eng. Gramm. & Speak^e. by Preceptor, & needle Work by Mistress. . .

Perhaps 7 or 800 School Children. Sundry little private Schools, 6 or 8. . . .

May, 1792. New Braintree 15000 acres, above 900 Souls, about 200 Names in T^o. Tax Bill & yet counted only 47 families. Raise above £300 a year in Tax of w^c. Min^y. £80, School £60. . .

SPRINGFIELD.

Two Arsenals, 5000 & 2000 Arm Stands, Pistols & Carb°. 500, Bb. Powder 1300, 170 pair Ordnance Brass . . , 150 Tons Canon Balls. . . .

Sept. 27, 1792. M^r. Benson, a German, 80 or 100 y. ago, a Chemist &c.—lived at N. Y., came up & wrot Mines near West Point—made much Bar silver—returned to Europe.

At West Point, Sept. 28, the Ferryman, Æt. 75, told me that he knew D^r. Benson, his Uncle, the German Doctor, when a Boy.

Anecdotes. 1. He was a large personable Man. 2 The greatest & most learned Doctor. 3. Dressed plain, rather carelessly. 4. Told him to take up Quicksilver & he would give it him. He tried & it escaped his Hands—w^c. made the D^r. laugh at him. 5. The D^r. made silver Bars in abundance & never wanted money. 6. Did not live grand . . 7. Was always uneasy, walked much, full of Anxiety, & no body knew the Cause of it. 8. Evanished, the ferryman Æt. 14 or about 1730, none knew how—his Hat & Wig found in Canoe. Never heard of since.

The ferryman s^d. the D^r. used to come up to the Mountains about West Point & both sides River, & there bring his Crucibles & chymical Vessels, get Ore & assay it into Bars of Silver.

M^r. Nelson yest^r. told me the same story of D^r. Benson—& said once some persons fr. N. Y. found his Cave, dug & found much bar silver buried & left by the D^r. This excited many to search at great Expence & to no purpose to find the Mines w^c. the D^r. wrot in.

. . . D^r. Zophar Platt of Huntington, L. Isld., ob. 29 Sept. 1792, Æ. 87. Father of M^{rs}. Broome &c. . .

1739 Joseph Lathrop married his Wife Elizabeth Dixwell, April 22th, New London.

My first Daughter Elizabeth Born the January following, 23th. day, 12 at Night; my Son Joseph Born December 11th, 1741; my Son John Lathrop was born June 7th 1743 att 10 a Clock att Night (no Issue); February 3th. 1744 was Born my daughter Mary (Single); my Second Son Joseph was born September 16th. 1747 att 10 night; my Daughter Sary was born January 30th. 1752 at

11 in the forenoon; my Son Dixwell was born July 29th, 1753 at
8 in the Morning (Issue 8 Children)

Jn^o., Mary, Dixwell, living 1793.

Rec^d. fr. M^r. Lathrop, Æt. 77, May 15, 1793

I visited Nihantic Ind. May 17, 1793, found but 30 Souls Indians
or about 7 or 8 families.

GUILFORD.

Hon. Abm. Fowler Esq. ob. Dec. 5, 1720, Æt. 69. Deacon Jn^o.
Meigs ob. Nov. 9, 1718, Æt. 73. . .

Rev^d. Geo. Colton of Bolton, House & 50 Acres @ £5 per ann.
about £350. House £70. Sal^y. £80. & 30 Cords Wood. Takes
most Sal^y. in Labor &c. Settlem^t. £200, added £130 own Money
to buy the farm. . . .

Branford, May 18, 1793. Rev. M^r. Atwater's House—Frame
got by Parish £70 of w^c. £18 rais^d. Dinner—Agreed with Joyner to
cover & finish inside & out & find Materials to be fin. as Stew^d.
Atw^r's for £170. Could have bo't frame for £30. So parochial
Cheat £40. House will cost about £250. Stew^d. built D^r. Wales's,
just such a double House for £530 or £540. So just £250 in
pocket . .

In Memory of

The Rev^d. Samuel Lockwood D.D.

Pastor of the Church of Christ in

Andover

Who was born at Norwalk

And educated at Yale College 1745

Of which he was a worthy Fellow

And a generous Benefactor

To the public Library and Philosophical Apparatus.

He was a firm Advocate

For the Doctrines of Grace

And for evangelical Purity in Religion

He fulfilled the Work of the Ministry

With Ability Zeal and Faithfulness

To Soundness in the Faith

He added

An exemplary Piety & Holiness of Life.
 Visiting the Medicinal Springs
 at New Lebanon
 For the Recovery of his Health
 He died there June 18th. 1791
 In the 70th. year of his age
 and 43^d of his Ministry.
 His Remains being removed from thence
 Were deposited here.
 The Memory of the Just is blessed.

. . . Sept. 18, 1793, Old Nat Smith died 2 or 3 y. ago, Æt. 80 & supra. He lived an old Bach. in Hopkinton near Edge Medfield. He was one of Old Ireland's Men & of the Comp^a. of a doz. or 15 wild Enthusiasts who about 50 y. ago lived in & about Medfd., Sutton, Uxbridge & declared themselves IMMORTALS: of w^c. Rev. M^r. Prentice's Wife of Grafton was one. She used to lie with Ireland as her spiritual Husbd.

Formerly they walk round Hopkinton Meet^gh. sound^g. with Rams-horns & denounc^g. its Downfall, in vain.

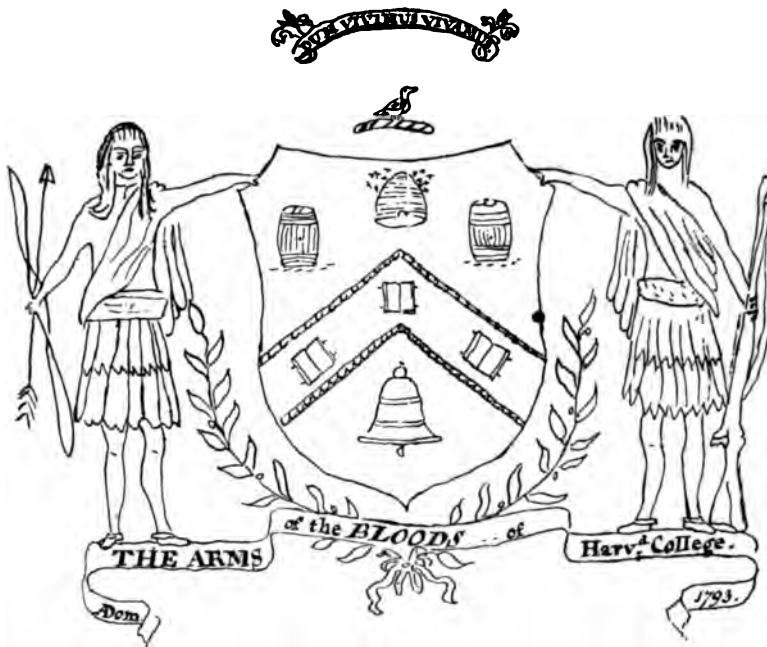
Nat Smith proceeded to assume & declare himself to be the Most High God & wore a Cap with the Word GOD inscribed on its front. His Great Chair was a Holy Chair & none but himself must sit in it. He had a number of Adorers & Worshipers, who continue to this day to believe he was the Great God. . .

M^r. Tho^s. Adams, Æt. 69, of Medfield by his first wife
 Hannah, ob. Inf.
 Eliza, ob. 1790, Adult
 Hannah—Historian, Æt. 36
 Lucy, m., living in Gardner
 Lewis, liv^g. 1793
 Newton, lives at Providence 1793

by 2^d Venter Geo. Whitfld, Jn^o. Wickliff, James Henry, Mary Æt. 9.

Farm 120 acres, 4 Cows, 5 or 6 acres Ind. Corn, cut 20 Loads.
 M^r. Adams visited M^{rs}. Macaulay at B^o. & found her read^g. Edwards on the Will—w^c. she said was a favorite Author with her . . .
 M^{rs}. Hannah's 1st. Edit. just p^d. itself—2^d. Edit. 1000 Copies—the Printer had about 300 for his Reward & bd. 700 for the Author.
 She is offered 500 D. by Tho^s. for two next Edit.

[FROM THE ITINERARY, MAY, 1794.]



Will^m Jenks del.
Eliza Stiles sculp^t

[While President Stiles's daughter Betsey was visiting her sister, Mrs. Holmes, in Cambridge, she sent her father this sketch, made by a Harvard Freshman; it was a satire on the newly-founded Porcellian Club.]

May 27, 1794. Rec^d. of M^r. Davenport:—11 Vol. of MSS. of first Rev^d. M^r. Davenp^t.; 1 Vol. MS. Syriac Grammar; 3 printed Vol., viz. 1. Liturgy of Rom. Chh. Lat. 2. A Vol. of Paget's. 3. A Heb. Grammar. . . .

Peter Jay b. in France, came over a Lad—settled first in N. Y.—then bot. a Farm & country Seat in Rye Neck one Mile W. in Chh.—married Miss Courtlandt. He brot. a Sister who m. M^r. Chambers, who had no Child. & gave her Estate to B^r. Child., to Chief Justice £3200, his Sister Mary £1000 &c. Peter's Children: 1. Sir James Jay, Physic. in Jersey; 2. Evah Jay, m. Rev^d. M^r.

Munro, Episc.; 3. Augustus, nihil; 4. Peter Jay, cæcus, lives Father's Seat; 5. Nancy, ob. Cœlebs, left £3000 to Jn^o.; 6. Jn^o. Jay, C. Just. &c. Ambass^r.; 7. Frederick, N. Y., Auctioneer.

The Father ob. begin^g. War perh. Æt. 75. Very rich, lived retired, not associat^d. with Neighbors—only selected Comp^a.—felt himself above others—lived well & genteely. He kept a Preceptor in his fam^y. for Educ^a. Children. And here Ch. Just. had his juvenile Educ^a. preparatory to Law—then put to Law under M^r. Ruzam.

The Fam^y. very wealthy—Judge has several Houses in N. Y. & owns much Land—lives in N. Y.

Peter the Father of Protest. Extr.—but Convert to Chh. Engld. & bigotted.

Judge Jay's Estate perhaps 50 Th. . . .

ORDINATION REV. AMOS BASSETT, 1st CHH. HEBRON, NOV. 5, 1794

Pastors	Present	Delegates
E. S.		
Elijah Lathrop	Chh. Gilead	Col. Sam ^l . Gilbert
Jos. Huntington, D. D.	1 st . Chh. Coventry	D ^r . Nathan Howard
Levi Hart	2 ^d Chh. Preston	Deacon And ^w . Hunt ⁿ .
Tho ^s . Brockway	2 Chh. Lebanon	Deacon Wadsw. Brewster
David Macclure	1 Chh. E. Windsor	W ^m . Wolcott, Esq.
Zeb. Ely	1 st . Chh. Leb.	Deacon Dutton
Royal Tyler	1 st . Chh. Andover	Deacon Ab ^m . Burnet
Salmon Cone	1 st . Chh. Colechester	Deacon David Kilburn
	2 ^d Chh. D ^o .	Deacon Jos. Carrier
	4 th . Chh. Leb.	Deac. Dan ^l . Abel

A SELECTION OF LETTERS .
MAINLY OF THOSE RECEIVED BY
PRESIDENT STILES

1750-92

ARRANGED ALPHABETICALLY BY AUTHORS

FRANCIS ALISON, D.D.

He was born in the north of Ireland in 1705, and after a period of study in the University of Glasgow came to America in 1735. In 1736 he was ordained and installed as pastor of a Presbyterian Church in New London, Chester County, Pa., where he also conducted a flourishing school, which was afterwards removed to Newark, Delaware.

In 1751 he went to Philadelphia, to take charge of the Academy recently established there, and to serve as assistant minister in the 1st Presbyterian Church; and when, in 1755, the College of Philadelphia was added to the Academy foundation, he was made Vice Provost and Professor of Moral Philosophy. The honorary degree of M.A. was given him by Yale in 1755, and that of Doctor of Divinity by the University of Glasgow in 1758.

He died in office in 1779.

Philad^a. 9^{br}. y^e. 17th. 1757.

Rev^d. & Dr. Sr.

A Society of Gentlemen in this City have undertaken to publish a monthly magazine,¹ (a plan of which I send you enclosed) & they promise themselves the Countenance and encouragment of all Gentlemen of letters on the Continent.

Some of them applied to me to mention such of my acquaintances as I thought qualified & inclined to promote this useful undertaking, and as I could not in Justice to y^r. Character omite y^r. name, they requested me to write to you to procure them Subscriptions

¹ *The American Magazine*; one volume only appeared, in 1757-58.

& to favor them with any papers you think worthy of the publick attention.

Tis to be hoped that this undertaking may encourage some men of abilities to publish their sentiments or Observations, who thro modesty might otherwise deprive y^e world of that benefit—that it may engage our young students to become literary adventurers, when it can be done with so much safety—that it may promote a friendly intercourse among men of Learning in our different Colonies, & possibly produce some papers worthy y^e. approbation of Great Britain famed for Arts & Sciences.

If I have been led to give you too much trouble I hope you will excuse me. I did not foresee that it would have been necessary for me to have gone so far when I named you, but from the character given of you they ventured to print y^r. name without y^r. previous consent. If you be pleased to approve of what they have done you may expect some of the magazines as a specimen. Make my best respects to y^r. Spouse tho unacquainted, to M^r Cheesbrough & his good Family, & to Mess^{rs}. Collins & Flagg & young M^r. Ward & believe I am with great Sincerity

Your real Friend & obedient humble Serv^t.

FRA: ALISON.

Philad^a. May y^e. 27th. 1759.

R D Sr.

I was favord with yours by M^r. Solomon Southwick,¹ & am highly pleased that you continue so unwearied in the pursuit of knowlege. I pray God that he may long spare you, & make you a blessing to his church, and a useful instrument to promote knowlege & learning. I am sorry that I am able to give you so little satisfaction concerning the Comet; when it first appeard, M^r. Grew² our professor of Mathematicks, could see it but twice, the wether was so hazey. I got up about three, one morning, to observe it with him, but the skie was clouded, & y^e. morning was so raw, that I almost lost my health by it, which brought me to a resolution that effectually destroyd my star-gazing. When it appeard

¹ A non-graduate member of the Class of 1757 in the College of Philadelphia, who became the editor of the *Newport Mercury*. He received the honorary degree of M.A. at Yale in 1780.

² Theophilus Grew, M.A., Professor in the College of Philadelphia.

again, we conjectured that it was another comet, & were in great doubts, whether either of them was y^e one so eagerly expected last year. M^r. Grew made some observations, but on my application to him to communicate y^m., I find that he either has not obtained y^e satisfaction he desired, or that he is more reserved than usual. It appears to me to be no easy matter to calculate their periods from y^e. short visits which they pay us, notwithstanding that some has made great pretensions this way. As I hope with more certainty, & less trouble, to acquire this kind of knowledge in the next stage of my existence, if it be necessary, I have determined to give my self no further trouble till I be allowed to converse with Newton, Halley, Whiston, & Flamsteed, & some others of y^e. same complexion, if these great names be allowed to shine in one constellation in heaven. Yet I am far from blaming you for y^r. careful & accurate researches; it may make you more useful here, & form y^r. taste to examine y^e. works of God with a higher satisfaction in y^e coming world.

I have seen proposals to unite y^e several Colleges on this continent, as near as might be, in y^e. same plan of Education, to govern them nearly by y^e. same laws, & to admit none in one college y^t. were expelled or denied admittance in another, without previously consulting y^e. heads of y^e. college from whence y^e. student was expelled, &c. This proposal was made by M^r. President Clap, & deserves a serious consideration. I think that there ought to be more care taken to prepare boys for the College than is now used. Certainly y^e. design of y^e. founders is not complied with by preparing boys to recite Virgil, Tully & y^e. Greek Testament, as it were by Rote, without sufficiently understanding y^e. Latin & greek Grammars, & being able to write latin & english at least grammatically, if not elegantly. Euclids Elements, & Algebra, at least so much as might enable y^m. to solve quadratick equations, should be taught y^e classes steadily & carefully, & Moral Philosophy should be a business of greater care & closer application than is now y^e. common practice; without this branch of knowledge, we shall be ill able to defend our holy christian religion; to understand y^e. rights of mankind; or to explain & enforce y^e duties which we owe to God, our neighbors, & our selves. I would, as a friend to learning, recommend it to you, to engage Gentlemen, & Gospel Ministers of y^e first rank, & of more enlarged views to engage in this reformation; 'tis a shame that almost every where

Learning dwindles in Colleges & Universities; & y^t. y^e. loudest complaints cannot awaken them from their Lethargie. I will count it a favor to receive, & will punctually answer y^r. letters, especially while you are active in promoting y^e kingdom of x^t., or y^e cause of Liberty, virtue, or Learning; & am with great respect

Y^r. assured Friend & humble Servant

FRA: ALISON.

P. S. I am heartily grieved for y^e. contentions & divisions that are like to prevail in Connecticut¹; I highly esteem that church, & people, & had almost determind to make it y^e. retreat of my old age; but am vexd that they bite & devour one another. Nothing can be more fatal to their piety, morals, or liberty; they will be swallowd up by the Episcopal church, who envy their prosperity, & will avail themselves of these divisions. You have some Interest with y^e. contending parties, & should not be discouraged, but excite y^m. to bear, & forbear one another, & to have peace among themselves; persist in endeavors for peace, prevent them from going to extremes, & God will support you, & bless y^r. endeavors. I have no Interest with any of them, or else I would use it; & would conjure & beseech them to follow y^e things y^t. make for peace.

Philad^a. April y^e. 15th. 1764.

Rev^d. & Dr. S^r.

I had the favor of yours bearing date March 26 with a copy of y^r. new Charter² per M^r. Say^m., for which please to accept my hearty thanks; I am amazed to see how eagerly all religious denominations grasp at power; there was a great clamour raised in York, because the President of that College was to be forever of the Episcopalian church; tho all other professorships were open to Protestants of all other denominations; & I have complained of great Narrowness in y^r. New English Colleges for obliging the children of Episcopalians to attend their publick worship, as was the case in New heaven with respect to M^r. Pondersons

¹In connection with what was known as the Wallingford Controversy, over the settlement of a "New-Light" minister.

²Of Rhode Island College, now Brown University, granted in February, 1764.

children.¹ In Holland & Scotland there is no such hardships put upon the students. Such narrowness in Colleges supported at y^e. publick expence of a govern^t. to me appears unreasonable; how far private persons may restrain their benefactions I pretend not to determine, but I could find in the Charter no sum granted either at once or yearly for y^e support of this College, nor is the sum limited which they may receive for its use by donations from private persons or otherways; some Regulations in the charter I like well, particularly the powers granted to the Faculty or fellowship. I do not well understand y^e. clause where it is enacted y^t. no tests shall ever be introduced. I think that you have so many tests as the proportional numbers of the different religious denominations, that must for ever constitute y^r. Trustees & fellowship.

You greatly alarm me by saying that there are attempts making at home to resume the New England Provincial charters², some madness has taken possession of the assembly of this Province, for they are doing all they can to persuade their Constituents to Petition for a Kings Govern^t.; if we do, we will unavoidably have a new charter & a very disagreeable abridgement of our Privileges. The Episcopal Party are very uneasy, that their power here is not equal to what it is in England; & the fears that our Colonies will some time hereafter shake of their dependence on the Mother Countrey, will, I fear, induce the English Parliament to introduce a test; or at least confine all offices in the Army & Revenue to members of the Episcopal church. Our debates run high in this Province at this time, between the Presbyterians & Quakers, who of all others should unite most heartily in defence of liberty. I know not how the Quarrel began, for there have been great complaints that our frontier countries have been neglected under the severities of an Indian War, & that this arose

¹ Rev. Ebenezer Punderson (Yale 1726), who had recently taken charge of the Episcopal mission in New Haven, applied in November, 1753, to President Clap for leave for his sons, members of the Junior Class, and other Episcopal students, to attend worship statedly in his church. The request was refused.

² It was rumored in the colonies at this time that great alterations were to be made in the northern governments: Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and Connecticut were to lose their charters and the territory divided between New Hampshire and New York. In addition to these enlarged governments, two others were to be established—Nova Scotia and Maine.

from a want of an Equal number of Representatives; the three interior counties sending twenty six, who are quakers or under Quaker Influence, & the five frontier counties being mostly of other Denominations, sending but ten, tho the charter has alowd every county to send an equal number. One County mostly Presbyterians sent down a petition signed by above 1200 persons praying for a redress of grievances, & among others for an equal share in Legislation. This produced a most scurrilous piece called a looking glass for Presbyterians,¹ in which it is roundly asserted that they should have no share in government; I herewith send you a copy, as he pays his respects to y^r. New English men.

But I fear the consequences of these squables; the mice & Frogs may fight, till y^e. Kite devours both. I dislike it in y^r. College that the professors are not fellows; it must lessen their reputation that they have no share in y^e. govern^t. . . .

Your friend to serve you
& obedient humble Serv^t.

FRA: ALISON.

Philadelphia June y^e 13th 1765.

Rev^d. & Dr. Sr.

I had the favor of two of y^r. letters relating to M^r. Sandiman² & his success in y^e. New England Colonies, which gave me & my friends great satisfaction. I confess my fault, & am ashamed that I did not write you answers, as I ought; but I am lazy to write letters; & I never was informd with certainty whether M^r. Sandiman was in this city, but it is confidently asserted that he was; but applying to some obscure covenanters to whom he was recommended, & being discouraged by them, he departed in two or three days after his arrival. I think it strange that his presence should spoil what he effected by his writings. I was grieved for y^e churches in Connecticut & approve of the ministers that prevented the spread of his errors; yet I think they treated M^r. White³

¹ Possibly by Isaac Hunt (College of Philadelphia 1763), the father of Leigh Hunt.

² Robert Sandeman, founder of the sect of Sandemanians.

³ Rev. Ebenezer White (Yale 1733), pastor of the Congregational Church in Danbury, was arraigned in 1763, under suspicion of Sandemanianism. He was dismissed under censure in 1764.

too severely, by degrading him as they did, & excluding him from ministerial Communion.

I am amazed that the English Parliament has given their own Constitution such a blow, as to tax men without their consent, given by themselves or their Proxies. It is an insult on common sense to say y^t. Persons chosen for Representatives of London & Bristol are in like manner chosen to be y^e. representatives of Boston & Philad^a. Has two men chosen to represent a poor Borrough in England, y^t. has sold its votes to y^e highest bidder, any pretence to say that they represent Virginia or Pennsylvania; & has 400 such paltry fellows a right to take our liberties. Had we King George the third & Queen Charlotte and the Royal family with us; we would possibly go further; & vote that Britain & Ireland should be ceded to France or Spain or Holland for their colonies in America. Power is a sad thing. Yet I think our Mother should remember we are children, & not slaves. M^r. Sergeant¹ the bearer is a Minister of the Church of England from South Carolina who travells to y^e North with some other Gentlemen for his health; what Civility you show him, I shall esteem as done to

Y^r. friend & humble Serv^t.

FRA: ALISON.

Philad^a. October y^e. 30th. 1766.

Rev^d. & Dr. Sr.

I had the favor of yours dated the 8th. of this instant, and am well pleased with y^e Plan you sent me to form an Union of the Congregational consociated & Presbyterian Churches. I am persuaded y^t. any pretence to authority in this assembly would ruin all; to advise together as friends & to act as with one Soul to promote y^e. Kingdom of christ & to preserve truth & liberty; & to address y^e. King & his ministers on proper occasions must contribute greatly to our honour and advantage as a body of christians exposed to common difficulties in this probationary state. . . .

I have sent you enclosed one of our publick papers in which you have a letter written by M^r. Galloway² to London wherein he

¹ Rev. Winwood Sergeant, or Serjeant, a native of England; he was later in charge of the Episcopal Mission in Cambridge, Mass.

² Joseph Galloway, a Pennsylvania lawyer, was speaker of the Pennsylvania Assembly from 1766 to 1773. He was opposed to the Revolution.

expresses a hearty good will to have y^e Stamp act put in execution by Hughs,¹ and a paper of his signed Americanus, in which he used all his art to persuade the people to submit to that enslaving statute. Yet a great number of people here have given him a seat in our assembly & y^e assembly have chosen him the speaker of their house. This to many of us appears as an insult on all that opposed the stamp act, both in England and in these Colonies. Sure none of them would have chosen him for their representative, that so earnestly persuaded them to become slaves. Such conduct deserves the publick resentment of all our neighbours, and it would be very agreeable to many in this place would some of y^r. able pens point out the impropriety in a few lines in y^r. publick paper.

I am miserably confind to y^e. College, that I fear I shall not be able to attend y^e Congress² at New York, or rather on Long Island, for there we shall meet, tho my heart is greatly set on y^e union, & I heartily pray that it may be happily accomplishd. I am ready to resign my place in the College, & retire to the country meerly thro chagrine. The College is artfully got into y^e hands of Episcopal Trustees. Young men educated here get a taste for high life & many of them do not like to bear y^e poverty & dependence of our ministers. Those that pass Tryals for y^e ministry meet with hard Treatment from y^e. Brethren y^t. favor Jersey College, & can hardly find settlements, and under that discouragment they are flattrd & enticed by their Episcopal acquaintances to leave such biggots & to go to London for orders. Now two or three of our ablest young men are ready to sail for London for this purpose; this makes parents uneasy, & it gives me pain, as our enemys gathr strength by our loss, & Jersey College is so unfit to make scholars, that we have no great pleasure to send them there; we would hope they will now put that Seminary on a better foundation; I would be glad of y^r. advice on this head (of my removal) by y^e post & am with great Esteem

Your affectionate friend & humble Servant

FRA: ALISON.

¹ John Hughes, appointed Stamp-Master of Pennsylvania in 1765.

² To effect the Union referred to in the first part of this letter.

Philad^a. Dec. y^e. 4th. 1766.

Rev^d. & Dr. Sr.

I had the favour of y^r. dated Nov. 22^d., and have herewith sent you a Copy of y^e plan formed at Elizabeth Town, by the Delegates from the associated pastors in Connecticut, and the Commissioners from our Synod. The Congress was free, open & friendly; from y^r. observations, & y^e draught you sent me I formed a plan, which was readily received, & passd with but a few amendments; the delegates from Connecticut behaved with great moderation and candor

A strong effort was made by some of the Gentlemen in New York, & a number of Gentlemen of our Denomination in this City, & the Lower Counties annexd to this Government, to unite all y^e P.byterians in the College of New Jersey. They proposed that they should appoint a President, a Professor of Divinity, & two professors of the sciences; & that each of them should teach one or more branches of Learning. The Salarys of each professor to be 200 or 250 Pounds per ann. & y^e. President to have about 50 pounds more than any of them. They proposed M^r. Blair or M^r. Treat for Divinity professor¹; M^r. Ewing² & me, one to be president, & professor of Moral Philosophy, y^e. institutes of y^e. law of nature & metaphysicks, & the other a professor of Mathematicks & Natural Philosophy; or if they rather choose M^r. McDowal³ & M^r. Wilson,⁴ as they have deservedly a high reputation for learning & piety, this would have given our gentlemen satisfaction; & the Rev^d. M^r. Duffield, or M^r. Ross or M^r. Halsey,⁵ Gentlemen highly esteemed by them, were proposed to teach languages, Logick, Geography & Composition; on their accepting these proposals, our Gentlemen proposed to assist them with their purses & influence to establish funds, & to open a Subscription for a number of

¹ John Blair was elected to this chair in 1767, but resigned in 1769; Joseph Treat (Coll. N. J. 1757) was colleague pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in New York.

² John Ewing (Coll. N. J. 1754) was the pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia.

³ Alexander McDowall, Principal of the Presbyterian school in Newark, Delaware.

⁴ Matthew Wilson, a Presbyterian pastor in Delaware.

⁵ George Duffield (Coll. N. J. 1752), pastor in Carlisle, Pa.; Robert Ross (Coll. N. J. 1751), of Bridgeport, Conn.; Jeremiah Halsey (Coll. N. J. 1752), Tutor at Princeton.

years for this purpose. At the Election of a President, five Gentlemen from this City waited on the trustees with these proposals; but they met with a cold reception, & such as they complain of, as very unpolite. For tho they knew well such terms were to be offerd, they hurried, & made choice of a president, before they received their proposals. They have chosen one Wetherspoons, a minister in Paisly in Scotland; he is esteemd as a keen satirical writer, but they know nothing of his academic abilities, nor whether he will accept their offer; he has a family of seven children, they have voted him two hundred sterling per ann. but whether he can teach any thing but Divinity is hard to say. Should he accept their invitation & undertake this Province, this would be a likely way to unite us, but in the mean time the College is sinking in its reputation for want of a head. Three young men bred in our College, are now gone home for orders, they are all men of Learning & abilities, and two of them excellent preachers. This has inflamed our people with indignation against our College (of Philad^a.). Our students meet with hard measures from the ministers in y^e. favor of Jersey College, under a pretence of examining their stiles, so that they can hardly find settlements or pass tryals; & on the other hand, the church advocates persuade them to leave such persecuting narrow biggots, & join with them; this disappointment excited our Gentlemen to come to a Resolution to send all their children to Jersey, being persuaded that were all our students bred under the same professors in the same College, all our disputes would have an end. Had this scheme taken place, I had resolved to withdraw from this College; for if I should do so, few Presbyterians would come here. But now I really do not know what is my duty. Since the Election I was in company with one of y^e. Trustees, when it was proposed to send M^r. McDowal to the College, as a professor of Moral Philosophy & Metaphysicks, & to desire him to assist M^r. Halsey, the ablest Tutor they now have, in preparing his Lectures in Natural Philosophy & Mathematicks; & that these two, with two tutors now employd, should carry on their business till M^r. Wetherspoon gives his Answer. I would remark, that M^r. McDowal is a widower, & has no family, is a gentleman of universal Learning, has taught some years, is remarkable for a sound judgm^t., a meek peaceable temper, & for undissembled Piety. But I expect no good Success

from any proposals we can make, and thus our enemies gain ground by our foolish animosities. . . .

Your assured friend & obedient humble servant

FRA: ALISON.

Philad^a. December y^e. 12th. 1767.

Rev^d. & Dr. S^r.

. . . . As to my life there is little in it deserves publick notice, yet I am much obliged to you for y^e. esteem & affection y^t. gave rise to y^t. friendly proposal. What gives me most satisfaction on a review of my services done to mankind is 1. That at my arrival here there was not a College, nor even a good grammar School in four Provinces, Maryland, Pensylvania, Jersey, & New York; but on the other hand all y^t. made any pretensions to learning were branded as letter learned Pharisees; & this desperate cause, of promoting learning in this Province, I undertook, encouraged by our Synod, who allowd me only twenty pounds currency, per ann. & fifteen for an assistant; & obliged us to teach all gratis, that were pleased to accept of learning on these terms; & in this the success was beyond our expectations; & it roused a spirit in Philad^a. to erect an academy, & then a College; & since that time Learning became reputable, even amongst those that gave y^e. nickname of Letter-learned Pharisees, brought up at y^e feet of Gamaliel; 2. That while I firmly maintained a due regard to y^e life & power of Religion, I with a few others made a stand against Enthusiasm & wild disorders y^t. were like to destroy religion, & ruin our Churches. Had all men in America given way to y^e. wild opinions & practices that were boldly sanctified with y^e. name of a work of God, I know not what would have become of our churches. When these very men have come to think soberly, they have given up these things; & tho they abuse us, they go no further than we do; & had they acted in these times as they do now, they had been called graceless opposers of the work of God. 3. I saw with sorrow y^t. y^e. Poverty of our Ministers, & y^e. distresses of their widows & children, discouraged men of abilities who could afford to educate & support their Children, from desiring them to serve Christ & mankind in y^e. ministry of the Gospel; I saw that the Church of Scotland had set an example to remedy this evil, that all y^e. Protestant churches should follow; I applyd

to Mess^{rs}. Wallace & Webster in Edinburgh who projected the Scotch Plan, & they generously gave me all the assistance in their power to project a plan; I made many attempts to get it fixed on a sure foundation & with great difficulty obtained a Charter from our Proprietories for this Purpose. This work cost me unwearied application for some years. I got some to lend me their names, who did it out of complaisance, but cared not for it, as I did. To my mortification when the Charter was obtained, I found endless objections raised against it, thro meer folly & Ignorance. When y^e Charter was obtained, it was as hard to raise a fund, but these difficulties thro y^e blessing of God got removed even beyond our most sanguine expectations. Light began to break in on some of our ministers, who put their shoulders with me to the burden; among this number I must mention M^r. Rogers, M^r. Hector Alison, M^r. Beatty, M^r. Laite, M^r. Rob^t. Smith, & many of our Gentlemen. Now we have in our fund ten thousand Pounds, & fifty two or more ministers pay to it a sum annually, that thro y^e divine blessing, I hope it will answer our expectations. 4. And tho I had but a small share in projecting & executing y^e Plan for uniting our Synod with y^r. Churches yet as far as I did contribute, I [] y^e Reflection y^t. it gives me pleasure; how this may hereafter proceed God knows; & to him we submit it. During all y^e. years I have been so employd, I have been reviled & traduced as an enemy to Christ & his [] by all or most of the followers of M^r. Whitefield; tho I always beleived & said I beleived y^t. he was a sincere good man, but weak & often mistaken.

For services in the Churches: in New London I received for y^e. first nine years, fifty four pounds per annum & no more; for y^e next six, sixty four pounds; then I was invited to Philad^a., where for Preaching they paid me fifty pounds per annum. These sums could not bear expences to a man in a publick station; but I thank God, I have ever lived above pinching poverty since I settled in America; & can leave a small matter to my children, which will be enough with honest industry; & without this, no estate is sufficient. You see my pen has run far enough, but I do not think even these particulars y^t. I mention deserve y^e. publick attention; tho I have so freely mentioned y^m., I lament y^t. y^e. Names & Labors of many of our worthy ministers in this wilderness are sunk into oblivion, & if I had been able, I would have

attempted their Characters; but this was not my Province; but I wish you great success in y^r. generous undertaking, & am in haste, but ever yours to serve you.

FRA: ALISON.

Philad^a. May y^e. 7th. 1768.

Rev^d. & Dr. S^r.

About an hour ago, while I was engaged in Company, M^r. Easton informed me that Cap^t. Anthony was to sail to morrow morning, which will be sufficient to excuse me, tho I do not comply with all your Requests, in y^r. last letter. I will send you a Copy of my Diploma from Glasgow; for it was from that University I had my degree, as a Doctor. I shall also send you a Copy of a letter from D^r. Hutcheson Professor of Moral Philosophy in that City, relative to our setting on foot a Seminary in our province, which if I remember was written in 1746. Learning was then at a low Ebb with us, & no prospect of a College in this, or in any of the neighbouring Colonies at this time. Our Synod had opened a publick School under my care, & to make it as useful as possible, with y^e. advice of the trustees, I opened a correspondence with him. . . . That School has still been preserved, & is now taught in a little Village called New-Ark, in Newcastle County; where there are above sixty boys under the care of a rector, & two assistants, & it seems to flourish. Here the Languages are carefully taught, with Arithmetick, Euclids Elements, y^e. Practical branches of the Mathematicks, & Logick. From hence y^e. students that intend to study Divinity apply to some College, as their inclination leads y^m., & such as study law, or Physick generally are contented with y^e. Proficiency they make at this School. It is under y^e care of some men of note for learning in this Province as Trustees. Here lodgings are cheap, no man pays above fifteen pounds per Ann. for his Lodging, & some have it for ten, or twelve pounds; & three pounds ten shillings per ann. tuition money. Hence farmers can educate their children, so as to fit y^m. for almost any station in life, y^t. could not hope for such advantages, were they obliged to educate y^m. in this City, tho here they can finish their Education. . . . I have been employd sixteen years past, y^e. 17th. of last January in y^e. College & Academy in this City . . .

Y^r. sincere friend & obedient humble servant

FRA: ALISON.

Philad^a. October y^e. 20th. 1768.

Rev^d. & Dr. Sr.

. . . . I am obliged to you for sending me the Theses. They are not now before me; & for this reason I cannot be particular. I am not yet convinced that young Gentlemen can be taught with any degree of propriety to impugn Mathematical Demonstrations. I do not like it that they should publickly assert y^e. lawfulness of keeping slaves.¹ I am assured y^e. Common father of all men will severely plead a Controversy against these Colonies for Enslaving Negros, & keeping their children born British subjects, in perpetual slavery—& possibly for this wickedness God threatens us with slavery

Your assured friend & obedient humble servant

FRA: ALISON.

Philad^a. August y^e first 1769.

Rev^d. & Dr. Sr.

. . . . The Present Critical Scituation of our affairs gives me great uneasiness. I fear the British Parliament are determind to twist the yoke around our necks, & I expect no good from y^e. next meeting of that body, unless y^e colonies unanimously & firmly persist in their resolution to import no goods, till these severe acts be repealed. It happend well for American liberty that y^e first attempt was made against Boston; they have behaved with great temper & wisdom, & strongly entrenched themselves within y^e. laws of an English constitution. I pray God to give them wisdom & Patience to persist. Had the attempt been made against us, I fear that we had not persisted with so much Firmness; tho we have now catchd the infection, and are as firmly determind to support y^e. common cause, as any of the Colonies. Virginia is a Colony of great reputation in England, & I think their Conduct gives vigor to y^e. common Cause; our three Low counties have adopted their resolves; and Mary-land is determind to stand or fall with her neighbours. What can England do. We have more religion & more Political virtue than any as many

¹ This probably refers to one of the *Quaestiones* proposed for disputation by the candidates for the M.A. degree at Yale College in 1768, viz.:—*An mancipia sub servitute perpetua retinere liceat?*

people in the kings dominions, or possibly in the whole world; they may distress us, but can never enslave us; all Europe owes England a spite, & if they send their Armies to distress & destroy us, they will distress & destroy themselves at the same time; & every power y^t. ever they offended will be their enemy. But our safe way & our short way is to take none of their manufactures. These troubles are mixt with mercy, & our fondness of english fashions & of luxury demanded a check, & it is given by Providence in a way that all ranks are loudly called to observe, & comply with.

I know not what to think of our having bishops; will they send us one amidst all these confusions? Will Abthorpe¹ be the man? Will Philad^a., where the church of England is but barely Tolerated, be y^e. place of his residence? Will D^r. Chandler, & our D^r. Smith be overlooked, & be obliged to bow to an English American Pope?

Our Jersey College is now talking as if she was soon to be the bulwark against Episcopacy: I should rejoice to see her Pistols, like honest Teagues, grown up into great Guns. The President² is an active man, & a good Preacher; & has done much to procure funds; but still they want able professors, & y^e. College is in statu quo, save only that he is constituted a Professor of Divinity; this they greatly wanted, & this Department he will as I expect, convince the world was fittest for him. I hear no great things of his superior knowlege in any Branch of Philosophy, but I think he will do better than any that they had of late years, or could have chosen in the bounds of our Synod.

Your friend & humble Servant

FRA: ALISON.

JOHN AVERY

Son of John Avery (Harvard 1731), a merchant of Boston; born in 1739, graduated at Harvard in 1759, long Secretary of State of Massachusetts, died 1806.

This is a copy of a letter addressed to John Collins, of Newport.

¹ East Apthorp, formerly Rector in Cambridge, Mass., who had returned to England in 1765.

² John Witherspoon, D.D., inaugurated in August, 1768.

Boston Aug^t. 19, 1765.

Brother,

The last Week A. O.¹ Stamp man was seasonably taken out of this troublesome World by an ignominious Death, he was found early in the Morning of the 14th. Instant hanging on the Trees South End with this Inscription on his Breast in Capital letters, Viz.

Fair Freedoms glorious Cause I meanly Quitted,
Betrayed my Country for the Sake of Pelf,
But ah! at length the Devil hath me outwitted,
Instead of stamping others have hanged my Self.

Upon his right Arm A O at large; on his left these lines, viz.

What greater Joy did ever New England see
Than a Stampman hanging on a Tree

Behind him was a Boot with a Devil peeping his Head out; and there they Hung to the View of the Joyous Multitude, the whole Day or to the Ridicule of all Collours proclaiming Liberty Property & No Stamp, down with all Placemen &c. you would have laughed to have seen two or three hundred little Boys with a Flagg marching in Procession on which was King, Pitt & Liberty for ever, it ought to have been Pitt, Wilks & Liberty. The Governor & Council sent several Times in order to have it cut down by the Common Hangman, alias the Sheriff. But he could get no Body that dar'd to attempt it. About Day the Mob to about three thousand assembled & cut the s^d. Gentleman, the Devil & Jack Boot down & naild them to a Board which was supported by Four, and carryed thro' the Town. When they came by the New Stamp Office they made a Halt, and in about a Quarter of an Hour levell'd it with the Ground. They made another Halt opposite his house where they sawed of his Head and then Proceeded to Fort Hill to burn him, after which they attacked his House, broke his Windows, his Fences were torn down & a fine flower Garden almost destroyed and damag'd his furniture. The next Day he wisely resigned his office; however notwithstanding his Resignation the Minds of the Populace were so amazingly inflamed that the next Night the Mob assembled again with a

¹ Andrew Oliver, Stamp-distributor, afterwards Lieutenant-Governor; for another account of this hanging in effigy see the *Proceedings* of the Massachusetts Historical Society, 2d Series, X, 61 (March, 1895).

Determination to level his House but with great difficulty was Pacyified. What will be the Consequence I know not neither do I care but hope that all the Provinces will follow this laudible Example & I pray God that New England assert their Rights & Priviledges and may maintain them & die like Freemen rather than live like Slaves. There are a great many other Impositions that desire as much Notice of in their Order.

REV. NATHAN BIRDSEY

Son of Joseph Birdsey, of "Oronoque," in the upper part of Stratford, Connecticut, where he was born on August 19, 1714. A Yale graduate of 1736, he was the minister of West Haven from 1742 to 1758, and spent the rest of his long life on the paternal farm. At his death, on Jan. 28, 1818, he had attained a greater age than any other Yale graduate down to the present time.

Stratford Sept. 3^d. A. D. 1761.

Rev'd Sir,

Yours of June 24th. &c. I rec'd; and in Compliance with y^r. Request have made Inquiry & got y^e. best Information I can concerning the Number of Indians & their Wigwams & Families in & about Stratford 40, 50, or 60 year agoe; and also y^e. present few broken Remains of them. At Oronoake there have been no Wigwams unless one or two a few months in Winter for above 40 Years. There were, about 80 or 90 year agoe, 2 Indian Villages at Oronoake, but when the English settled here the Indians remov'd. At Paugasset i. e. by Derby ferry & against Derby-Neck there were 50 years ago about 8 or 10 Wigwams, probably containing 10 or 12 families. But now no Remains of them. At Turkey Hill at the lower Corner of Derby by the River, there was an Indian Village of I suppose 8 or 10 families, who had a Tract of Land securd to them by the Gov^t.; they have continued the longest of any, but they are now reduced to but one or 2 broken families, I believe not above 2 or 3 men belonging to them.

There were at Pauquanuck i. e. Stratfield, y^e. Place called Golden Hill about 20 or 25 Wigwams 50 year ago. And in several other Parts of the Town there were small Clans of 2 or three Wigwams; but now not one at Golden Hill or in any Part of y^e. Town that I can learn, only here & there a scattering Sqwaw, and

scarcely a Poppoose. At Pootatook by the River against Newtown, I have been lately inform'd by some Newtown People, when Newtown was first settled a little above 50 Years ago, there were reckon'd of that Tribe 50 fighting Men, but now only one Man among the broken Remains of 2 or 3 families. I suppose in the whole Bounds of Stratford 50 Years ago, the best Calculation that can be made of their Numbers is about 70, perhaps 80 fighting Men; now not above 3 or 4 Indian Men, reckoning every Straggler in all the Town.

My Compliments to Madam: I shall be exceeding glad frequently to hear from you, to receive a few Lines from you, and am, Sir, with great Respect your sincere Friend & most humble obe^t. Servant

NATHAN BIRDSEY.

CHARLES CHAUNCY, D.D.

Born in Boston, 1705, and graduated at Harvard in 1721. He was installed as pastor of the First church in 1727, and remained there until his death in 1787. In the latter part of his life he adopted views identical with those later held by the Unitarians. He received the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity from the University of Edinburgh in 1742.

Boston Feb^y. 7th. 1761.

Rev Sir,

Our loss by the fire last March, as certifyd to our General Court under oath, by persons appointed to make the most exact enquiry, amounted to more than £500,000.

I shd gladly be assisting in the affair you mention,¹ if I tho't I shd be of any service. And perhaps, I might: tho, I shd rather have M^r. C——y W——l——sy,² in stead of M^r. T——d, for two reasons. One is, I can say nothing of the latter of those Gentlemen from my own knowledge; and the former is fixt in a place, w^r. such a Style as you mention might be of more service, as it would certainly be more stinging, particularly to some that

¹ A request for a recommendation for the degree of D.D. for Rev. William Hart (Yale 1732), of Saybrook, and Rev. Jonathan Todd (Yale 1732), of East Guilford, for their service in the "Wallingford controversy"; and that of LL.D. for Thomas Darling (Yale 1740), of New Haven.

² Rev. Chauncey Whittelsey (Yale 1738), of New Haven, a second cousin of the writer.

live in the same Town.¹ If an affair of this nature is going on, the greatest secrecy will be necessary; otherwise the other party may make such an alarm as to prevent success. Another thing highly expedient is, the calling in the assistance of some Scotsmen, well acquainted in Scotland, and Gentlemen of known learning and good reputation. But the most necessary thing of all is the enabling some Gentleman or other in Scotland to make a present of at least £25 sterling to the university your expectation is from, for each honor you would propose shd be conferred. I know of no Gentleman on this Continent that ever had the honor you write about, but their friends, either wth. or w^{thout} y^r. knowledge, prepared the way by this last method I have mentioned; nor do I believe any honor of the kind, at least for the past century, has been conferred on any (from Scotland) w^{thout} this previous requisite; and I'm fully satisfied all attempts, in respect of the Gentlemen you name, will be fruitless unless this method is taken. Edingburg-University is the highest in reputation, and Glasgow next. A degree from either of these universities will be honorable, the most so from the former, and it will be wth. most difficulty obtained. I suppose it might wth. greater ease and less expence be got from Aberdeen, but I shd not chuse it from that quarter, unless by necessity. If you know of any way by wch the money can be raised, and will take care that it be effectually done, I shd be glad to hear further from you upon this head, and the sooner the better; but otherwise 'twill be time intirely lost for either you or I to trouble our heads any more about this matter. I shd be greatly rejoiced if something of this nature could be brot into Event. What if tryal shd be made only for M^r. Hart first. It will be easier raising £25 yⁿ. £75 Sterling. I am, wth. all sincerity,

Your Friend & humble Serv^t.

CHARLES CHAUNCY.

Boston June 15th 1761.

Rev Sir,

I have waited more yⁿ. a week for an opportunity of writing by some private hand, but hearing of none think it proper to

¹ President Clap, of New Haven, an object of dislike to the writer, was not doctorated; nor was Professor Daggett, the Chapel preacher.

inform you by the Post, that I have put your Sermon¹ into the hands of Edes and Gill². They have engaged to deliver to you 300 copies well printed upon good paper for 75 Dollars. Draper³ would not do it under 80. They have promised they will do y^r. utmost, that you may have them in two months; and absolutely, not exceeding three. I shall endeavour to quicken y^m., if y^r. shd be need of it. I believe you you will have your Copies as soon as may reasonably be expected; perhaps sooner yⁿ. if Draper had undertaken the work. I'll be at the pains to correct the press with care; thò after all the care that can be taken, there will doubtless be some errata. I never yet saw one sheet perfectly free from y^m. I'll do what in me lies, that you may have the manuscript returned perfect, thò y^r. will be difficulty in the matter, as the printers will take it to pieces, and are unused to any care as to the copy they print from wⁿ. they have done wth it

Your Friend & humble Servant

CHARLES CHAUNCY.

Boston July 21st. 1761.

Rev^d. and Dr. Sir,

I wrote you, in my last, that the Printers had promised to do y^r. utmost to get your Sermon out in 5 or 6 weeks. They have, according to promise, exerted y^m.selves, and finished the Sermon. . . . You are desired to send word, as soon as you please, how you would have the 300 copies conveyed to you. The supernumerary 200 ones, I desired might be printed, will be sent to Connecticut, and at my motion; for I know of no work that is, in my opinion, so well adapted to serve that Colony in its proper circumstances. . . .

Your Friend & humble Servant

CHARLES CHAUNCY.⁴

¹ *On the Christian Union*, delivered in 1760, and printed in 1761, in 139 octavo pages, by subscriptions at Newport and Bristol.

² Printers of *The Boston Gazette and Country Journal*.

³ Printer of *The Massachusetts Gazette and the Boston Weekly News-letter*.

⁴ A note appended by Dr. Stiles is as follows:—July, 1766. I was at Boston, when Edes & Gill told me they printed between Seven & Eight Hundred Copies of my Sermon, sold them & had none left—& said they made more by it than was ever made in Boston by one Sermon, and would readily now print a new Edition if any body would engage 200 Copies.

Rev^d. Sir,

Yours per Dr. Danforth I have received, and am glad to hear, that affairs in Connecticut are taking a more favorable turn on the side of liberty. A certain famous P——t¹ had it in view, under the influence of bigotry, and tyranny, to crush some gentlemen of more worth yⁿ. himself; but I believe, and have always thot, that, in the end, he will suffer more than any of those, he might intend to demolish. I wish him a better turn of mind; but suspect he is incurable in his thirst for lawless power and undeserved honor. . . .

Your Friend & humb^l. Serv^t.

CHARLES CHAUNCY.

[Received Dec. 3, 1761.]

Boston Nov^r. 10th. 1764.

Rev Sir,

. . . . It was owing to letters sent to Sandiman from Connecticut that he came into this part of the world, and his principal Errand is to strengthen the brethren there. I know of but three persons in Boston who embrace his scheme. One Foster,² a blacksmith, is one; and he is supposed to do it upon principle. M^r. Emmons,³ a painter, one of Croswell's hearers, is another; thò he is thot to be not above half-converted to this way of thinking. M^r. Gardiner,⁴ once a colleague pastor wth. M^r. Clap of Rhode Island is the other. But nobody imagines he will burn his fingers by adhering to Sandiman. He preached only twice, and both times in a Tavern, neither he nor his adherents having influence eno' to get him into any one pulpit in the Town. He is now at Piscataqua, has done little hurt at Portsmouth; but I fear will do mischief in the smaller towns. . . . He is expected back every day, and I suppose will soon hasten along to the ministers and people in Connecticut who sent for him. I have not seen him myself; but those who have, and had opportunity of con-

¹ President Clap, of Yale College.

² The regular meetings of the Sandemanians in Boston were held in a large room in Edward Foster's house.

³ Nathaniel Emmons was a portrait-painter in Boston.

⁴ Joseph Gardner (Harvard Coll. 1732), ordained in Newport, May, 1740, as co-pastor of the First Congregational Church with Rev. Nathaniel Clap, died 1806.

versing with him, unite in speaking of him as a rude, haughty and obstinately infallible man. He seems to entertain an high contempt of all y^t. dont think as he does, and very freely sends y^m. all to the Devil. Our Treasurer (M^r. Gray, a man of good sense, tho' not of a liberal education) had the opportunity of more yⁿ. two hours conversation wth. him at his own house, wⁿ. none were present but they two. And he tells me, that he saw nothing of the writer of the letters on Theron and Aspasio in the conversation he had wth. him. They talkt freely upon those letters and the treasurer says, his defence was very indifferent, he esteemed himself more yⁿ. a match for him. M^r. Pemberton, one of our Ministers, met wth. him at M^r. Foster's and entered into conversation wth. him upon his principles, but saw nothing in him, either as to the force or manner of his speaking, that would have led him to think of his being the author of the letters y^t. go under his name. Upon the whole, I am fully satisfied from what I have heard, that his writings are vastly more adapted to do hurt, yⁿ. his conversation; and tis highly probable he will do damage to his cause by his bodily presence. All agree that his manner of speaking upon the most important points is such as would not lead one to think he had any serious sense of y^r. importance upon his own mind. M^r. Gray says, he never heard one laugh more heartily, even in conversing about men's damnation. I intend, if I can contrive to do it accidentally on purpose, to have an opportunity of seeing and talking wth. him wⁿ. he comes to Town. And I shall yⁿ. be better able to write you my judgment about him. I have no apprehension of his occasioning much disturbance in Connecticut. His greatest opposers will be your sticklers for Clerical power; and they will most oppose him because he will speak of y^m. and treat y^m. wth. the most sovereign contempt. If any shd be carried away wth. his notions, they will be the new-lights, and these he will teach to express the utmost disregard to Consociation-power, wch may be a ballance for any other hurt he may occasion. *Deus regnat* is the maxim that supports me under all events however dark and difficult they may appear. Sandiman's writing, and personally appearing among us will in the end turn out well. I believe I have by this time sufficiently tired you. And shall y^r.fore only add my best wishes for you and your's.

Your Friend & humb. Serv^t.

CHARLES CHAUNCY.

Boston Nov^r. 5th. 1766.

Rev^d. Sir,

I have received your's by M^r. Checkley; and am fully with you in thinking, that B^m., shd they be sent over, would soon cease being those innocent creatures tis represented they are designed to be. The great men have too little regard for religion in any form, and too much business of more importance in y^r. apprehension of another kind, yⁿ. to concern y^m.selves about the settlements of B^m. in this part of the world. And they have likewise seen, of late, so much of the Spirit of America, as to put y^m. upon y^r. guard ag^t. doing that wch they may have reason to think will be generally offensive. For my self, I am in no great perplexity about this matter wch has much disturbed the quiet of some others. "Hath a nation changed y^r. Gods, wch yet are no Gods"? The religion a Country has been educated in won't easily be parted with. Before any thing very considerable can be done among us towards this, we shall have too much power by reason of our multiplied numbers to be forced to any thing. 'Tis wth.out all doubt the design of providence that there shd arise in North America one or more of the most considerable empires y^t. have been in the world; and I am firmly of opinion, that the prevailing religion, as to form, will be that w^{ch}. has taken place here from the beginning. . . .

Your assured Friend

and affectionate brother in the Gospel

CHARLES CHAUNCY.

Boston Sept^r. 26th. 1767.

Rev^d. and Dear Sir,

. . . . In answer to your letter by M^r. Hall, I would say, the conception you had formed of M^r. G——ly¹ was, I believe, in the general, very just. He was certainly a man of erudition;

¹From a draft of the letter to which this is a reply, the following sentences are quoted: "Some with us make a considerable noise about the eminent Merit & philosophic Death of M^r. Jeremy Gridley, late Grand Master of the Trowel & Apron Fraternity. I had conceived him a Man of great Erudition, consummate Haughtiness, unbounded Ambition—and in Religion a Disciple of *Shaftsbury* & *Bolingbroke*: in Politics a Courtier & an Anti-american in heart . . . but without the vices of the great, unhappy

thô far from being an universal scholar. His learning was very much confined to the law, and the Classicks, in both w^{ch}. he excelled. Your imagination has not exceeded the height of his pride and ambition. Haughtiness of spirit accompanied him w^r.ever he went, and was all along in life a great dishonor as well as disadvantage to him. He might have got as much mony as he would, could he but have made an approach to him, and converse wth. him, easie and pleasant. His air, and whole manner of behavior were so haughty, forbidding and insolent, that but few cared to have to do wth. him. To this it is owing, that he has died, as is thot, insolvent. I don't suppose he was much of a Courtier; he had too high an opinion of himself, and was too unready to make those condescensions y^t. are necessary to a Courtier. He was, I believe, as much a friend to America, as to any other part of the world. He seemed to value everything, place, and person, in proportion to the effect it had upon him. The only way of access to him was by flattery. If you spoke and acted so as that he was led to imagine you had an high opinion of him, he could bear wth. you; otherwise he would treat you wth. neglect or contempt. As to his religion, I don't suppose he had any. As to the philosophic manner of his dying, tis difficult to know the exact truth. The vain intimation you speak of, was not heard of in Boston but for your letter. Tis commonly thot here by the most judicious, that he was not himself the day he died, as the frame he seemed to be in was as inconsistent wth. the principles of Philosophy as Christianity. I was assured yesterday by one who had it from his nurse, that the day before his death he was in a serious temper of soul, apprehending that he shd soon die; and that she several times heard him commit himself to the mercy of God thro' *Jesus Christ*. I don't think he had any fixed principles of religion; thô, if he had, I believe they were those of the present free thinkers in England, *that finally all shall be happy*.¹ I shd not have wrote as I have done, had it not been to gratifie a friend. My maxim is, nil nisi bonum de mortuis.

Dummer, who like his Friend St. John, bid farewell to the *Dissenters, Revelation, & virtue*, & vanished into a friendless Eternity."

Gridley was born in Boston in 1702, graduated at Harvard in 1725, and died on Sept. 10, 1767. He was an eminent lawyer, and Attorney General of the Province.

¹In later life the writer was himself an avowed believer in universal salvation.

I shall trouble you no further at present. Wishing you all happiness, I am

Your brother & Serv^t.

CHARLES CHAUNCY.

Boston May 6th. 1768.

Rev^d. and Dear Sir,

Your's by M^r. Blair I have received, and shd have answered last week but that I was much indisposed wth. a great cold, w^{ch} has mostly confined me for three weeks. I am still under it's pressure, and know not wⁿ. it will please heaven to give me deliverance from it. I have communicated your desire relative to the Indian-Giant to M^r. Mather.¹ He promised me, he would take some leisure-opportunity to look over his papers, and if he could find it would put it into my hands to convey to you. I know not, having been so much confined, whether he has found it as yet. I will take care, if he has, to remit it to you; tho' I question, whether you may give much credit to the account contained in it. M^r. Mather told me, his father had the story from Gov^r. Dudley,² who, I know, was a credulous gentleman, and took great delight in telling stories, and had an extraordinary talent at enlargement and embellishment to make a story agreeable and striking. And I may add, M^r. Mather's father was himself too apt to be over-credulous, giving in to relations of fact, wonderful ones in special, that scarce any would regard besides himself.³

I was considerably intimate wth. D^r. Colman, D^r. Sewall, M^r. William Cooper and M^r. Gee of this town.

Dr. Colman⁴ was of too complaisant a make, too unsteady and variable. We found the disadvantage of this in the Whitfieldian times. After the coming of Whitfield M^r. Cooper⁵ and I had little to say to one another unless in a way of wrangling; and the same loss of friendship took place wth. respect to M^r. Gee⁶ and my

¹ Rev. Samuel, son of Cotton Mather.

² Joseph Dudley, Colonial Governor of Massachusetts, died 1720.

³ The remainder of this letter is occupied with a sketch of the eminent men whom the author had known in New England. The main part was printed in the *Collections* of the Massachusetts Historical Society, 1st Series, vol. 10; but some significant omissions are now given for the first time.

⁴ Benjamin Colman, D.D., pastor of the Brattle Street Church, died 1747.

⁵ William Cooper, the colleague of Dr. Colman, died 1743.

⁶ Joshua Gee, pastor of the Old North Church, died 1748.

self. . . . Twas a mercy to this town M^r. Gee was of this indolent turn; otherwise he would have made mad work among us, as his zeal was fiery hot, his principles rigid to the highest degree, and his charity as cold as death in regard of all but those who tho't as he did. His loving ease more yⁿ. any thing else kept him from being a most mischievous man. . . .

President Holyoke¹ I have for a long course of years been intimately acquainted wth. . . . But his powers are not of the first rate. . . .

Judge Sewall² was so kind and good to his relatives and others in want, that he outdid his proper capacity for doing. To this it was owing that he died, not leaving eno' to pay all his debts, w^{ch}. is the only blot on his character, tho' not generally known to the world; as no public notice was given y^t. he died insolvent. . . .

Your very good friend and humb. Serv^t.

CHARLES CHAUNCY.

Boston, Decem^{br}. 12th, 1768.

Rev^d. and Dear Sir,

Yours of Nov^r. 7th. is before me. I was surprised M^r. Hollis (who promoted the printing "The true Sentiments of America") shd wth. so much freedom make M^r. Gridley the author of the "Feudal and canon law." I suppose he had his information from some friend here, who positively affirmed what he guessed to be the truth. Any one who knew M^r. Gridley must at once know he was not the writer of that piece. Neither sentiments, stile, or manner, in any measure, agree to him. Upon seeing this work so particularly ascribed to M^r. Gridley, I was led to be more inquisitive about the true author yⁿ. I otherwise shd have been. And I can inform you, that M^r. Adams,³ the Lawyer, a native of Braintree, and now a practitioner in Boston, was the real author. He is but a young man; not above thirty three or four; but of incomparable sense; a true Son of Liberty, and as well able to write or talk upon it as any one I am acquainted wth. I esteem

¹ Edward Holyoke, President of Harvard College from 1737 to his death in 1769.

² Samuel Sewall, the author of the well-known *Diary*, died 1730.

³ John Adams, afterwards President of the U. S.

that piece one of the best y^t. has been wrote. It has done honor to its author; and its a pity, but he shd be known. . . .

I am, wth. all respect,

Your real friend and brother in the Gospel

CHARLES CHAUNCY.

Boston March 20th. 1769.

Rev^d. and Dear Sir,

Your's by M^r. Symms I received last Saturday, and now sit down to answer it. According to my expectations, expressed in my answer to D^r. Chandler,¹ I have been barbarously ill-used by the New-York-Episcopalians, both Clergy, and Laity. They are the worst sett of men I know of upon the American continent. I was never more innocent in any action of my life, yⁿ. that relative to S S.² The paper signed B W was wrote without my knowledge, and before I had ever heard of, or seen, the paper it replied to. Y^r. could not have been any clamor raised about it, had it not been owing to the imprudence of my friends in New-York. M^r. Rodgers, I shd have said D^r.,³ shd not have mentioned my name, and M^r. Parker was inexcusable in saying, that B W signified Govern^r. Wentworth, wⁿ. he knew nothing of the matter. This gave rise to this whole Seabury-affair. The real author⁴ is now contending with enemies of the highest importance in this part of the world, who are endeavouring all they can to ruin him, and for no other reason but because he is a more honest man than they are, and won't go y^r. lengths in R——y. I think, wth. the rest of his friends, it would be cruel to set the church posse

¹ Rev. Dr. Thomas Bradbury Chandler (Yale 1745) had published in 1767 *An Appeal to the Public, in behalf of the Church of England in America*, which Dr. Chauncy had answered in 1768.

² *The Boston Gazette* for Monday, March 13, 1769 had contained the 45th number of *A Whip for the American Whig*. By Timothy Tickle, Esqr., i. e. by the Rev. Samuel Seabury (Yale 1748), of Westchester, N. Y.; copied from Parker's *New-York Gazette*, of February 20, 1769. This was occasioned by a communication from Boston, signed by the (meaningless) initials B. W., and sent to New York by Dr. Chauncy, which took exception to some comments on Dr. Chauncy's *Answer* to Chandler's *Appeal*.

³ Rev. John Rodgers, of New York, had received the degree of D.D. from the University of Edinburgh in 1768.

⁴ John Temple.

ag^t. him—for w^{ch} reason I have endeavoured to conceal his name. But y^r. malice has put y^m. upon indefatigable pains in order to find him out. . . .

I suppose you have seen last Monday's address to me from M^r. Seabury. It is a low, school-boy, empty thing, I mean empty in regard of every thing but ill-nature, conceit, wrath and malice. My friends, to a man, advise to my treating it wth. silent neglect and contempt. And indeed I have no need to say any thing to it, for it has brot all that disgrace upon himself w^{ch}. he would throw upon me, even in the opinion of some Chh-men y^mselves. In next Monday's paper, he will have a proper dressing, and if it is done by the person I have been told of, it will be thoroly done; for he is one of our top-writers.¹ . . .

I han't been three times so far as our own house of worship wth.out the help of my chaise for more yⁿ. 3 quarters of a year. Last May I sprained my right ancle, and before that was well I sprained the other. I fear whether I shall ever have the proper use of my legs again. Walking was my life, and it has been a great disadvantage to my health, that I have been obliged to so much confinement. My account of Episcopacy would have been sent to the press some time ago, but that there is not paper eno' in the Province to print it on. Mr. Leveret has sent to Philadelphia to see whether it can be had there. It can not come from England—the agreement² forbids it. . . .

Your good friend, and serv^t. at Command

CHARLES CHAUNCY.

Boston May 8th. 1769.

Rev^d. and Dear Sir,

I have received your's by M^r. Willard, wth. D^r Gale's letter, and M^r. Buel's Types. I carried y^m. last week to Edes and Gill's printing office, and had three copies of the advertisement y^t. was set struck off, not for the public, but to gratifie by own curiosity.

¹ The *Boston Gazette* for Monday, March 27, contains a Letter by a Layman to Seabury, answering this description.

² The agreement referred to is that of August 1, 1768, when sixty Boston merchants agreed not to export any goods from England, except a few articles deemed absolutely necessary, from January 1, 1769, to January 1, 1770.

I inclose one of the copies to you,¹ that you may view it, and judge w^hin it wants to be corrected. . . . It is very extraordinary, that such a specimen shd be made without instruction, from the mer force of Genius; and the man that was capable of this, must be capable of making his letters still more perfect. . . . If M^r. Buel would accomplish this, all who have seen the specimen agree that the letters would be as handsome as those that come from Home. . . .

Your cordial friend and brother in the Gospel

CHARLES CHAUNCY.

Boston Oct^r. 23, 1769.

Rev^d. and dear Sir,

. . . . My reply to the "Appeal defended" is now ready for the press, and waits only for paper to be printed on. It is expected, we shall soon have some from Philadelphia. We are much put to it for want of paper. Tis wth. great difficulty the public news-papers are upheld. We have often been deprived of a Supplement to y^m., because y^r. was no paper for it. The carelessness of our people in saving y^r. rags is the chief cause. This difficulty will, I hope, by degrees, be removed in time. . . .

Your assured friend and brother in the Gospel

CHARLES CHAUNCY.

Boston Nov^r. 14th. 1769.

Rev and dear Sir,

I accidentally met wth. one of my people (Cap^t. Williams) who informed me he was going this Even^g. to Rhodisland by water. I take this opportunity to send you w^t. shd have gone by M^r. Hopkins, but that I missed of him. . . .

¹ Enclosed is the following:—"Abel Buell, of Killingworth in Connecticut, Jeweller and Lapidary, begs leave to acquaint the Public, and the Printers of the Several Colonies, that he hath already entred upon the Business of founding Types, which as Soon as he can furnish himself with Stock, will sell for the same price at which they are purchased in LONDON, in which Business he hopes for the Encouragement of the Printers, and all American Patriots."

See also, *infra*, Dr. Gale's letter of April 1, 1769.

I'm sorry, wth. my whole soul, that M^r. Hopkins is like to settle at Newport.¹ I have a much worse opinon of his principles yⁿ. of Sandeman's. He is a troublesome, conceited, obstinate man. He preached away almost his whole congregation at Barrington, and was the occasion of setting up the Chh of England there. He will preach away all his congregation at New-port, or make y^m. tenfold worse yⁿ. they are at present. I wish his installment could be prevented. I can add no more but that I am

Your good friend and brother

CHARLES CHAUNCY.

Boston Decem^r. 20th. 1769.

Rev^d. and dear Sir,

Your's by Cap^t. Williams he brot to me. . . .

Wⁿ. Providence has brot tryals upon us, tis infinitely reasonable and fit, we shd endeavour to make a wise and good use of y^m., so as that God may be honored, and our spiritual good promoted. But may it not be our duty, as well as wisdom, to do w^t.ever lies in our power to prevent such tryals coming on us? I know of no greater tryal yⁿ. to have one settled near me, and wth. w^m. I must have to do, who was disposed inflexibly to destroy true religion. M^r. ———² is a far more mischievous man yⁿ. Sandeman, or any in his way of thinking. I know of no worse system of thot in any pagan nation, in any age, yⁿ. is publickly professed by

Your assured friend and unworthy brother in the Gospel

CHARLES CHAUNCY.

Boston June 14th. 1771.

Rev^d. and dear Sir,

. . . . The establishment of an episcopate may be greatly hurtful; but I firmly believe we shall outlive, and outgrow, any inconveniences arising herefrom. Before another century we shall have got beyond any missions or establishments from home.

¹ Rev. Samuel Hopkins (Yale 1741), previously of Great Barrington, Massachusetts, was installed pastor of the First Congregational Church in Newport on April 11, 1770, Dr. Stiles preaching the installation sermon. He was the originator of the Hopkinsian system of divinity.

² Hopkins. See the previous letter.

And I cannot suppose, that, if we are ever an independent people, episcopacy will be the established religion in this part of the world. "Hath a nation changed y^r. Gods, w^{ch}. are yet no Gods"? This is much more strongly applicable to a people, who worship the only true God, and in the ways of his own appointment. Connecticut I expect will be the first new-England Colony y^t. will generally give in to Episcopacy. And, in truth, I had much rather be an episcopalian, or that others shd, than y^t. I or they shd be Hopkintonians. The new Divinity so prevalent in Connecticut will undoe the Colony. Tis as bad, if not worse yⁿ. paganism. Tis a Scandal to Yale College, and those who have the government of it, that they retain there, and teach y^r. students, the very quintessence of pagan fatality, wth. all its genuine consequences. I am almost out of all opinion of those who make the greatest pretences to religion; they have so many of y^m. so little of that they make essentially important. The Colonies are in a bad state in regard of both y^r. civil and religious affairs. Our only comfort is, "the Lord reigneth." And wⁿ.ever he pleases, he will so order things as that they shall have a different aspect from what they have at present.

I have heard nothing of M^r. Pemberton since you wrote me the account of his being invited to keep the Chh School. He is as thorow a fatalist, and bigot to the whole scheme connected wth. it, as M^r. Hopkins. Dr. Witherspoon has a sad time of it; as the New-Jersey College is the fountain of their corruption. He will do what he can to purge it, but begins to have his enemies, and they will soon, it is probable, openly appear ag^t. him.

I will not further try your patience. I am wth. all sincerity, assuring you of my best wishes,

Your friend and Servant

CHARLES CHAUNCY.

THOMAS CLAP

Born in Scituate, Mass., June, 1703, and graduated at Harvard in 1722. He was called from a pastorate in Windham, Connecticut, in 1739, to the Rectorship of Yale College, and remained in that office and the Presidency until 1766. He died in New Haven in January, 1767. Dr. Stiles was a favorite pupil, and during his tutorship (1749-55) had stood in especially close relations to the President.

Rev^d. & Dear Sir

New Haven Feb 20 1756.

You was pleased to Subscribe for 6 of my Pieces.¹ I have here sent you 4. They seem to have had a considerable Effect, for the First Parish in New Haven have voted in the Catechism and Confession of Faith some had so long and so violently opposed.

M^r. Dagget² has preacht in the College about 3 Months past to great Acceptance and I suppose will be installed on the 4th of March. There have been and still are a great Variety of Schemes in New-Haven which I cannot undertake to represent without writing several Sheets of Paper. Some Gentlemen are extreamly loath the College should have a Professor.

I have received nothing from you relating to that Gentlemans Account of the University at Home. Hoping you will continue firm in the old Principles and that the Divine Blessing and Success may attend all your Ministerial Labours, I remain

Your old Friend,

and very humble Servant,

THOMAS CLAP.

Rev^d. Sir

New Haven, Jun 26, 1765.

I here send you a Treatise on Ethics, which I have lately published. Possibly your Sentiments may not accord in everything, but I hope they will in the main; and probably you may find some Points set in a more clear and concise light, than you have seen before. I some time ago received yours containing a Transcript of M^r. Winthrops Observations on the Variation of the Compass. I have received a Letter from M^r. Collinson³ wherein he informs me that my Theory of Meteors has been read before the Royal Society with Approbation, and thereupon I am desired to collect further Observations. A very Remarkable Meteor was

¹The author had just published *A Brief History and Vindication of the Doctrines Received and Established in the Churches of New-England*.

²Rev. Naphtali Daggett (Yale 1748), a pastor on Long Island, was invited in September, 1755, to become Professor of Divinity at Yale, and entered on that duty in November. When President Clap resigned his post in 1766, Mr. Daggett undertook also the duties of the Presidency, from which he retired in 1777. He held his professorship until his death in 1780.

³Peter Collinson, a London merchant, a special friend of Dr. Franklin, and through him of Dr. Eliot and Dr. Stiles.

seen on the 10th. of May last as big and near as bright as the Sun, it passed over Northampton or Hadley, and between Litchfield and Salisbury and near Goshen in the Highlands in York Government; its Course was near South west. I am in quest of more critical Observations. If any thing of that nature should occur to you, I hope you will inform me. I am, Sir,

Your Friend & Servant,

THOMAS CLAP.

JAMES DANA

Born in Cambridge, Massachusetts, in 1735, and graduated at Harvard in 1753. In 1758 he was called to the pastorate of the Congregational Church in Wallingford, Connecticut, but strong opposition developed on the part of the County Consociation, and a heated controversy followed. Mr. Dana was ordained and installed in October, 1758; but for about fifteen years he was disfellowshipped. In 1789 he was installed as pastor of the First Church, New Haven, where he remained in office until 1805. He died in 1812.

Wallingford, Jan^y. 18th., 1765.

Rev^d. Sr.,

I'm much oblig'd for your's of the 20th. ult^l., wherein you have favor'd me with a more particular account of M^r. Sandiman by far than I had before receiv'd. He landed at Norwalk about the date of your letter—preach'd there Dec. 21. in a private house, w^r. many of M^r. White's¹ people attended. I have not heard y^t. he preach'd more than once at Norwalk, nor w^t. acceptance he met with there, or at Danbury where he still is, and has preached several times—particularly on Lord's-days. He purposes for Philadelphia (as am inform'd) next week. The traveling has been so bad, that, tho' I have oft enquir'd, have scarce been able to get any intelligence from him since his arrival in Connecticut. We don't much expect a visit from him in this county. M^r. *Clap* suspends his judgment of him. M^r. *Bird* anti-preaches him. M^r. *Williston* appears to be in his scheme as far as y^e times will permit. M^r. *Woodhull* resents what you wrote of him to brother Chauncy Whittelsey. I hear that Mess^{rs}. *Dickinson & Hobart* say, "It's

¹ Rev. Ebenezer White (Yale 1733), of Danbury, had been dismissed under censure from his church in 1764 for his adoption of the tenets of Robert Sandeman.

best to let him preach"—y^t. M^r. *Ingerson* said he wou'd invite him into his pulpit—but whether he has or no, have not heard.¹

According to your desire, I send you an account of baptisms &c. for the last year.

Births 37, Baptisms 28, Marriages 13, Deaths 13; in my own congregation, which consisted of 987 souls in October 1761—and has not been diminished, nor much enlarg'd (I suppose) since. I married but nine pair myself—y^e above number 13 includes all y^t. have been married y^e. year past, belonging to my congregation.

With best respects to your lady, I am,

Rev^d. & dear Sir,

Your much obliged friend & servant,

JAMES DANA.

P. S. Cap^t. Whiting has favor'd me with a visit, and y^e pleasure of perusing your "memoirs,"² &c. I should be glad the public might see them. M^r. Sandiman's treatment of M^r. Pike,³ I think renders his (S——'s) sincerity very suspicious. But you justly conclude with saying, whatever his views are, y^e proper question is, "What is truth?" D^r. Chauncy⁴ will doubtless do the subject & the author justice. . . .

New Haven March 11, 1766.

Rev^d. S^r.,

I sincerely congratulate you on the honor done you by y^e. first university of Scotland—(not omitting to remind you, that brother Byles can shake hands with you.)⁵

Last week, past this town, in his way to Hadly, a Sandimanian bishop, who (I understand) has been in y^e country about three

¹ Of the persons named, Mr. Clap was the President of the College; Mr. Bird, pastor of the New-Light "White Haven" Society in New Haven; Mr. Williston, pastor in West Haven; Mr. Woodhull, a tutor in the College; Mr. Dickinson, pastor in Norwalk; Mr. Hobart, pastor in Fairfield; and Mr. Ingersoll, pastor in Ridgefield.

² Dr. Stiles prepared in 1764 a tract entitled *Memoirs of Sandeman*, which is preserved among his unpublished manuscripts.

³ Samuel Pike, an English follower of Sandeman.

⁴ Rev. Dr. Charles Chauncy, of Boston, published in 1765 *Twelve Sermons on the Sandemanian Doctrine*.

⁵ Rev. Mather Byles (Harvard 1725), of Boston, received the degree of D.D. from the University of Aberdeen in 1765, the year in which Dr. Stiles received the same degree from the University of Edinburgh.

months, & purposes to return hither next week. He made no tarry in town, was only at M^r. Mills's y^e comptroller—can only learn y^t. he is a disciple of y^e famous Robert, and I think an elder.

M^r. Woodhull (a firm disciple) has lately married a stale virgin upwards of forty—evading the text, that “a bishop (he is an ordained *elder* of y^e. chh. in Danbury) must be y^e husband of *one* wife,” by saying, that it was not y^e. same person (M^r. Woodhull y^e *regenerate*) who was married before.¹ He with his sister wife are manufacturing a young Sandiman. He purposes to take up his residence at N. Haven—in w^t. employment have not heard. He makes no disciples at college, or in town.

The Glassite² chh. at Danbury lately excommunicated a brother for saying That dancing was contrary to scripture.

There is a very general uneasiness among y^e undergraduates with presidential administration. A petition to corporation for redress is drawn, and sign'd by all y^e. students except two or three, complaining of sundry grievances & intolerancies—particularly, the want of tutors for y^e senior & freshman class, whom y^e. president cannot instruct as they might expect to be at college, thro' y^e. multiplicity of important occupations—his neglect to publish a law granting appeals to corporation—and in general, y^t. y^e students don't know by w^t. laws y^e society is govern'd, as y^e. president (pro arbitrio) makes laws, and alters penalties for past crimes.

M^r. Todd proposed being rec^d. into association, but was refused without a confession.³ M^r. Richards⁴ was dismissed last December. The first day of y^e. meeting of consociation for that purpose, but 3 elders present—so y^t. they adjourned to y^e. week following, chusing father Ruggles⁵ Mod'r., who kept & still retains y^e chair. . . .

Your much obliged friend & hum^le. serv^t.,

JAMES DANA.

¹ Richard Woodhull (Yale 1752) was a tutor at Yale in 1756 to 1761 and 1762 to 1765. His first wife died in August, 1764, and he next married Rebecca Carr of Boston.

² *i. e.* Sandemanian so called from Glas, the founder of the sect in Scotland.

³ Rev. Jonathan Todd (Yale 1732), of East Guilford, now Madison, had been excluded from the New Haven County Association of Ministers for his support of Mr. Dana at the time of his ordination in Wallingford.

⁴ James Richards (Yale 1745), pastor in North Guilford.

⁵ Thomas Ruggles (Yale 1723), pastor in Guilford.

Rev^d. Sr.,

Wallingford June 17, 1766.

Yale-College was perhaps never in so confused a state as at present. The disaffection of the members to its government has been for many months, and still is, very general—scarce one exception—and y^e most considerate most uneasy. The students were allow'd a recess a fortnight before y^e usual time of y^e. spring vacation; when the first return'd at y^e. day, the President gave 'em liberty to return home, if they chose—but y^e. next day, after some had left the town, gave counter orders. But about $\frac{1}{3}$ of y^e. students are now at College—there is no tutor, nor can any gentleman be prevail'd with to accept y^e. place, tho' the President has rode not less than ten days upon y^e. business. The President & professor have now y^e. sole instruction—and the former has arriv'd to his *ne plus ultra*. His greatest confidants begin to whisper, that he must resign¹—and till he does, or y^e. government of college is new modelled, it is morally certain, he will have sufficient disquiet; the alienation is such, that either he must be controul'd, or greatly alter his philosophic (rather unphilosophic) government, or be discharg'd, or college is ruin'd. Tis indeed somewhat droll, that there should be a college invested with a President & *divinity* professor, but no instructors. Whether this "oppugnation of" arbitrary rule be "ill-tim'd & ill-judged" or not, I leave you to determine—and refer you to Dr. Hubbard for a more circumstantial account.

To the same gentleman I also beg leave to refer you for y^e particulars of the consociation's loosing some of their most respectable allies to the N. W. Litchfield county association, [who] have, as I'm inform'd, very unanimously adopted (by vote) Mr. *Fitch's* explanation of y^e platform.² The consociation of the same county have met & restor'd Mr. *White* of Danbury.

Bellamy is about to publish ag^t. consociation—I suppose ag^t. Mr. Hobarts answer to y^e. explanation.³ "Let the children of the d——l fight it out." . . .

I am, Rev^d. Sr.,Your friend & oblig^d. Serv^t.,

JAMES DANA.

¹ President Clap resigned on July 1, two weeks after this date.

² *An Explanation of Say-Brook Platform*, published in 1765, was attributed to Governor Thomas Fitch (Yale 1721).

³ This was *An Attempt to illustrate and confirm the ecclesiastical Constitution of the Consociated Churches*, by Rev. Noah Hobart, of Fairfield; Dr. Bellamy does not seem to have published any answer.

JOHN DEVOTION

Son of Rev. Ebenezer Devotion, of Suffield, Connecticut, and a first cousin of Dr. Stiles; born 1730, and graduated at Yale in 1754. He was settled as pastor in that part of Saybrook which is now Westbrook, from 1757 until his death in 1802.

Saybrook 7. July 1766.

Dear Kinsman

I thank you for your good will as to my Health and Usefulness. . . .

I have to inform you that Rev^d. Thom^s. Clap has resigned his Chair and Yale College has Neither President nor Tutor belonging to it. He handed in a written Resignation to the Trustees at the beginning of the Meeting; and takes no more Care of Yale College, but to preside at the Commencement in Sep^r. & give Degrees. College is broke up at present, & the Rev^d. Thom^s. is about Moving out from N. Haven.

Tis natural now you know, to ask who shall be president; why the Corporation have offered it to Mr. Lockwood¹ in Conversation and he refuses; they talk of Mr. Wells² of Stanford next, and then of Rev^d. Nap. Dagget. *But one of the Corporation has desired me as I have Correspondence with you, to enquire at your own Mouth whether you would accept a Presidency at Y. College if it should be offered to you.* I therefore Sub Rosa want a small Hint as soon as you have well weighed the matter, whether they might venture to Compliment you with it, without Danger of a Repulse; these old Gamesters dont Love Denials—but S^r. perhaps, after all it may not be carried so far Eastward; but a Hint is Needful at Least to give Ground to work upon. Two,³ I am convinced, of them, would now give you a Salute, were they within Kissing, and Things work strangely some Times.

I am sensible that your Honour and Quiet depend somewhat upon Secrecy in this Matter, I have therefore covenanted, that my Right Hand shall not know what my Left Hand does. You may speak freely without any Danger. The Messenger is waiting. Compliments to Ma^m. Stiles & Chickens &c.

From

JOHN DEVOTION.

¹ Rev. James Lockwood (Yale 1735), a Trustee.

² Rev. Noah Welles (Yale 1741).

³ Probably Rev. Thomas Ruggles (Yale 1723), of Guilford, and Rev. George Beckwith (Yale 1728), of Hamburg Society, in Lyme.

Rev^d. & Dear Sr.

Saybrook Nov^r. 1, 1766.

Our Association tho't best upon the whole to send,¹ but No Body was willing to go, one had Corn to gather & another Potatoes &c. However we finally appointed Arch Bishop Beckwith & Bishop Holmes.² M^r. Hart³ drew some Instructions, upon the most Catholick plan, excluding all Matters of Faith, Advice, Jurisdiction &c. and to solicit that the Brotherhood may have a Being & Call with them, advising that nothing material be done at this Congress, but Invitations to the Boston, Rhode Island, & Piscatua Brethren. Bp. Beckwith met the Corporation last Wednesday Week, and they have cast in a Memorial for the *Wherewith*.⁴ The Lower House app. a Committee, viz. Mess. Hamlin, Ledyard, Silliman, Gale, Elderkin, and Williams of Sharon—one I dont hear. Up^r. House joined them, with Dp. Gov^r. Trumble, Walker, & Sherman, & impowered them to a most thorough Visitation. Their Reverences submitted, *Lamb like*. Resolved & passed in the House upon Report that their Laws be printed in English as well as Latin, as few Fines as possible, and the Crime with Reasons of Judgment in the Judgment, the Students to be treated with Parental Tenderness, & granted 102£. with odd Shill^l & pence for the Service of the Current Year, then to submit Matters again to their Honours. A certain Gentleman⁵ says AYE you have given up all. Beckwith returned last Night, & will not be able to attend y^e. Congress. I have not seen Holmes since Association. I forgot to mention that Rev^d. Lockwood refused the Chair in writing, for three Reasons, Infirmary, Age, & Difficulty of leaving his People, but said Beckwith, there was a fourth not mentioned, that turned the Scale—Want of *Wherewith*. Dagget is appointed President pro Tempore, under the Inspection of Hubbard, Ruggles, & Lockwood.⁶ Strange Change of Times—and Measures &c. as to Yalensia. M^r. Hart has not had any Conference with D^r. Chauncy⁷ tho he wanted an Oppor-

¹To the proposed Convention of Presbyterian and Congregational Delegates.

²George Beckwith (Yale 1728), of Hamburg Society, in Lyme; and Stephen Holmes (Yale 1752), of Centerbrook, in Saybrook.

³William Hart (Yale 1732), of Saybrook.

⁴An appropriation from the General Assembly for aid to Yale College.

⁵Probably Dr. Benjamin Gale (Yale 1733), of the Committee.

⁶Noah Hobart, Thomas Ruggles, and James Lockwood.

⁷With reference to the Convention referred to above.

tunity. He and I think it will prove an Abortion and never be Midwived into the World, but if it should, it will bring a Bishop over. M^r. Hubbard,¹ the Ch^b. Priest at Guilford, is much mortified & very sour at hearing the News of the Congress, as one of his Parishioners told me this Week, because he was afraid that it would hinder a Bishop from coming &c. . . .

Your Friend & humble Serv^t, Kinsman & Fellow Labourer

JOHN DEVOTION.

Rev^d. S^r.

Saybrook Dec^r. 4th. 1766.

This by the Post waits on you, upon a special Occasion. D^r. Sam^l. Johnson,² appointed Agent by this Colony in Masons Affair, has been applied to by M^r. Dagget & sundry other Gentlemen, to endeavour some Donations in Mathematical Instruments, Books &c. for Yalensia, which I find him heartily ready to do. He waited upon me last week, to desire my Influence with your self, to procure a Letter of Recommendation, to some Dissenter in London, of Note, w^{ch}. he judges necessary to help him to beg with a good Grace. I mentioned D^r. Lardener as one of your Correspondents; this was pleasing, and if he be yet living, (but if not) pray send to the D^r. Johnson, p^r. next Post, an Epistle Commendatory to some other of Note; & *know thou my Kinsman*, that I have plighted my whole Influence with you, both by Kindred, Correspondence, Acquaintance &c. that you will gratify him in this laudable Affair. Your general Benevolence, Love of, and Obligations to the Muses & Literary World, I am sure, gave me good Foundation to draw upon you for such a Fav^r., & I am Confident your Goodness will not make me Ashamed. The D^r. is one of the most Catholick Ch^b.men; rising in the Government, determined to avoid the Rock of dabbling for Ch^b., and to make his Mountain strong by doing every Service for the Colony he has power to, to give Dissenters a good Name, and let them know at Home, that Dissenters in America are as good as Ch^b. Men. He waited on D^r. Gale & M^r. Hart,³ & has received all their Documents. I am greatly pleased with his good Sense and frank Open Heartedness. . . .

¹ Bela Hubbard (Yale 1758).

² William Samuel Johnson (Yale 1744).

³ Benjamin Gale, of Killingworth, and Rev. William Hart, of Saybrook.

Post Seria Ludo. Mr. Huntington¹ tells me that our Sovereign Lord Bellamy² but tell it not, has lately charged one of the Members of his Ch^h. with Lying; he told him he had not lyed, and could convince him; you lye, said he, & I will not have you lye in my House. The Matter came before the Ch^h. and one of the Members offered to say something in his Vindication. Bellamy said you shall not say any thing in Favour of him for you cant do it without injuring the Truth. Tis hot work in their Wigwam. Many are highly offended and wish him to the Old ———. I write it for the Edification of thy Spirit. Is this the Meekness of the Gospel? He that draweth the Sword shall perish by the Sword.

Please to give thy Spouse a kiss on my Behalf. I dont mean a Sandemean Kiss.³ You have seen the black Account of him in the Paper, I conclude. Deceivers shall wax worse and worse.

All in Health.

From your affectionate Kinsman
and Fellow Labo^r.

JOHN DEVOTION.

Rev^d. & Dear Cosⁿ.

Feb^y. 6th. 1767. Saybrook.

. . . . Our Assembly have agreed to billet 136 of the Troops.⁴ The Wedge has entered, and I expect Glut upon Glut. Should be glad to have your Judgment upon Home Affairs, or any Thing that you have to communicate which the Papers have not. President Claps Death you have heard no Doubt. His Legacy of 100*l* to Madam finishes up his Character among benevolent Minds.⁵

¹ Rev. Eliphalet Huntington (Yale 1759), of Killingworth, now Clinton, Connecticut.

² Rev. Joseph Bellamy (Yale 1735), of Bethlem, a leading New Light, and an autocrat in temper.

³ The Sandimanian sect made kissing a part of their worship.

⁴ The Connecticut Assembly was convened in January, 1767, to act on Gen. Gage's demand for quarters for three months for recruits from Germany; and the troops were ordered to be billeted in New Haven, Branford, and Wallingford.

⁵ The following is extracted from a copy preserved by Dr. Stiles of a letter by him to Rev. Chauncey Whittelsey of New Haven, on hearing of President Clap's death:—

"As proves the case in general upon the Death of Men of greatness & Enterprise, some are rejoiced, while others mourn. For a while his hobby

College remains quiet, no Furies. M^r Dagget saw M^r. Claps Error, and avoids the Rock, courts the old Friends of College & I believe would be glad to make his Mountain Strong. Political Orthodoxy

horse rode away with him and who is there that is not hobby horsical at Times. But he was truly a Man of Literature and great Abilities, & his Presidency from 1740 to 1752 did him honor; in 1757 he was a little befogged in the Atmosphere of New Lightism & yet was never a new Light. This with his natural Despotism & high notions of Dominion wro't him much mischief, & did him not the Benefit he expected. Tho' no great classical Scholar & a Man of no Politeness, yet he had many excellent Endowments. He was possessed of strong rational Powers, & in Mathematical & Philosophical Learning was neither surpassed nor equalled by any man on this Continent, except Professor *Winthrop*. Wollaston was the basis of his moral Philosophy, & he understood it well; & the former part of his own Treatise on Moral philosophy is founded in sublime truth. Westminster Calvinism was his Theology, & he was a Master of it; & he likewise entered into the spirit of the Systematical Divinity of the foreign Divines, especially of the Reformation. But for a Man of his strong Judgment & clear perception, he failed in polemical Divinity, & had no talent of entering into the views & systems of Heretics, Deists, Romanists (his Arminians, Arians, Socinians &c were very foreign & reverse from Realities)—witness his new System of Divinity. But his own Scheme he was a good Master of; tho' not equal to *Owen & Van Mastricht*, perhaps superior to *Willard & Ridgley*. He was well read in the *Fathers* & in this branch of knowledge was perhaps exceeded by no Man in New England but Dr. *Chauncy*. He had no acquaintance with the Rabbinical Literature or the Cabala, worthy the title of Knowledge.

"History antient & modern, political & ecclesiastical, he was well versed in. . . . As to Ecclesiastical History, he had a good systematical View of it, but attended little to some periods. . . I think Quick's Synodicon was a favourite Author with him. He loved Synods. . . Harduin's Collection of Councils employed many of his reading hours. He seldom read a book thro' in course. He was distinguished with one very happy Talent, that he always read with some Aim in View; & hence he pitched directly upon that Book or Books, & those parts in them, which would elucidate the subject of his Inquiry. . . .

"You & I knew him perfectly—he was once a good friend to us. From 1742 to 1752 I found him my best friend; & tho' upon his political Conversion his love waxed cool, yet I still honour the Memory of my once *Mecænas*. . . But what shall we say of that transmutation he underwent from 1754 to 1757? We know his views, his motives, his weakness. It does not become me, that have received such a series of favours from him to remark on his generosity, or love of money, & inextinguishable thirst of applause, Influence & Dominion. Lastly & as a finishing "Item, I give to Madam Clap £100." out of say £2000. Learn all men of Opulence how to treat excellent Wives! After all in mixt Characters the Ultimatum is to be found & this for him was on the side of worth."

I think is dying in this Government, could we but recover Gov^r. Fitch & the Old Senators, methinks, there might be better Times. But the World will be the World after all. I wish us all a safe passage thro it and subscribe with Love to Cousin & Cousins.

Your affectionate Friend &
hum^b. Serv^t.

JOHN DEVOTION.

Saybrook April 22^d. 1767.

Rev. & Dr. Sr.

Resolving to bring you into Debt almost *supra Modum* by an Epistle as long as my Arm, I deferred to-Day thro Infirmary, to-Morrow to visit the Sick, next Day to visit a Friend, with Ditto Super Ditto. . . . Till alas, a friendly Line salutes my Eye, "Tho I think I am not much in Debt to you," &c. I acknowledge it is Grace & a kind Act of your Grace. Our Proxy is over too, & our learned Politicians cant yet determine, whether Gov^r. Fitch or Pitkin will stand another Year, tho it is thot Pitkin will. The Old Lights are not awake yet; Multitudes will not leave their Plow to have a Gov^r. to their Taste. Tis generally thot Mes^s Silliman & Hamlin at least will have a Resurrection; some have stronger Faith, and believe in John Chester & Ben^d. Hall. Mess^{rs}. Dp. Gov. Trumble & Col. Saltonstall Candid. for Dep. Gov^r.¹ Faction is encreasing in this Gov. and I never expect it will be laid among us or you (comparing Catulus cum Canibus) till we have a Kings Gov^r., nay till we have a King in Person, and are like other People. Natural Wealth encreases in our Land greatly, tho Luxury & Pride eternally cry Poverty & bad Times. . . .

Dr. Gales Piece upon Inoculation, I suppose he has told you before this reaches you, was read before the Royal Society, & printed in the Philosophical Transactions; I mention it only to tell you what he will not, viz. that it gives him *Muckle Glee*.

I intended to have given you a chapter on Geniuses, but cant give but a Verse or two now for want of Room. I am convinced

¹ At the ensuing election, William Pitkin was chosen Governor, and Jonathan Trumbull Deputy Governor. No one of the persons named was chosen Assistant.

that America abounds in Natural Genius, as hardly a Town but has its Genius among the Layity. Our best Mechanicks in many Places are untaught by Art. We have one or two in this little Parish whose Invention and true philosophick plans would do Honour to Old England. At Killingworth Buel¹ the Goldsmith has set up Cutting Stone, and does it as well as in London, yea and finds a plenty of Bristol Stone, or the Crystal, and the Amethyst, in this Colony; and works now only of our own Productions; his Invention equals his curious neat workmanship. Our common Artists improve greatly since Stamp Act has half removed the Lethargy. I saw Cloth sold in this Town, for 6/ p^r. Y^d., two yards of wh^h. equal one of Broad Cloth, which had it been in Broad Cloth width and in the Merch^{ts}. Shop, I should readily have bot at 18/ p^r. y^d. We improve in Potatoes in this Colony exceedingly. Many Farmers raise 500 [Bushels] p^r. An. I dont think my self stored without 150 Bush. p^r. An. They make Butter & Beef, and save Store [] exceedingly well. My Wife raised a Cows Milk in 4 Days from 1. to 3. & besides this Advance in *Milk rich*, it gives them Flesh on the Bones to endure the winter. . . .

I intend S^r. to celebrate S^t. Election for the first Time at Hartford (Deo volente) with my Spouse this Year—perhaps we may not have many more of our own. Ill quote you a Line or two from my C[] Eb. Silliman to this Point—Speaking of what passed at our last Extraordinary Assemb^y. about Billetting Soldiers &c.: “The Gov^r. was good enough to communicate to the Assemb. 2 Letters from M^r. Ag^t. Jackⁿ.² w^h. were called private, one of which was dated the 8th of Nov^r. last. In which if I rememb^r. right was contained clauses to this Purpose, viz. next Tuesday the Parl^t. sits when many things relating to America will come under Consider^a. With great Anxiety I wait the End of the Session; you are sensible you have a great many Enemies to your Charter Priviledges; not only Men here, but those that come from your Country here, who may be supposed to envy them; unhappy for you that your Charter is so similar to that of Rhode Island who have made themselves more obnoxious than can be expected that Connecticut will do even hereafter,” &c. I thank God there

¹ Abel Buell. Cf. Stiles, *Diary*, iii, 562.

² Richard Jackson, Agent for the Colony of Connecticut in London.

is a Kingdom that cannot be moved. With the utmost Respect, S^r,
now half out of Debt,

I am your affectionate Kinsman
& Fellow Labourer

Jⁿ. DEVOTION.

To his Grace Bishop Newport, D.D.

Rev^d. & Dear S^r.

Saybrook June 6th 1767.

This Morning received yours of 26 ult. for I returned from Association & Visit but last Night. At Association at M^r. Beckwiths we killed one Candidate and made one alive, i. e., we suspended one that had been licensed and licensed one. As the Gen^l. Asso^c. is at Middletown, M^r. Hart offered his Service as Delegate with M^r. Beckwith. And after Reading, the Whole *Sederunt* agreed to acquiesce in what had been done and send Two Delegates with particular Instructions to the Congress.¹ As M^r. Beckwith & Hart were delegated to General Assoc. M^r. Throop was chosen the first. M^r. Johnson the next oldest present was urged to accompany him, but to no Effect. Then as John Devotion was to be at Commencement with a pupil, he was voted the second. We had a good, generous, courteous Associ^a. . . . I forgot to say M^r. Jewitt was sollicitd, but refused &c.²

I was at Hartford at Election for the first Time. Our Cloath convened at M^r. Dorrs,³ and M^r. Wells & Dorr mentioned that as our Delegates⁴ had been most courteously entertained Gratis at the Southern *Sederunt*, we ought to see to it that they were used in the same Manner. M^r. Whittelsey & other generous Souls have proposed among some of them that love to wash the Saints Feet, to take them in gratis, tis judged it will succeed. M^r. Ells Middletown preached; he first gave us a good Sabbath Day Prayer, tipped at the latter End with a few Election Petitions. We sung part of 118 Psalm in Mear. His Text was, *Other Foundation can no Man lay*, &c. After an Exordium, these three

¹ Of Delegates from Presbyterian and Congregational Churches.

² The members of the New London Association of Ministers mentioned in this paragraph are: George Beckwith, Hamburg Society, Lyme; William Hart, Saybrook; Benjamin Throop, New Concord Society in Norwich, now Bozrah; Stephen Johnson, of Lyme; John Devotion, of Saybrook West Society; David Jewett, of New London North Society, now Montville.

³ Edward Dorr, pastor of the First Church.

⁴ To the Convention of Presbyterians and Congregationalists.

Heads come out: 1. that Christ is the Foundation of pardon; 2, the Foundation of civil Government; 3, of Ch^b. Government or something tantamount; dwelt long on the first Head, with a good Deal of the Catechism; gave the 2^d. a slight Touch; took hold of the 3^d., & presently set to Saybrook Platform & Consociation by Name, lauded M^r. Clap in Heaven, told his Hon^r. that there was much Heresie in the Land, & by way of Improvement exhorted their Honours to execute their Laws, and recommended it as a good Guard against Heresie to have all School Masters examined & licensed, & exhorted the Ministers to preach Sound Doctrine. Colⁿ. Silliman came within an 100 Votes of outing Col Spencer. Esq^r. Gale & Dorr & Rowland have been suspended,¹ Gale upon Suspicion of being Author of Plain Facts, had the Offer of acquitting himself, but refused to confess or acquit, Dorr upon Suspicion of In—t—ce, but I suppose because he stands in Somebodies Way to Promotion; these have been commissioned, I dont yet hear how Rowland fares. There has been a long Dispute between the Upper and Lower House about the Right of Nominating the Superior Judges; the Upper House sent down a Nomination of the same as last year; the Lower House rejected it; nominating the same and sent up, Sub Judice Lis fuit, last Wednesday, the 3^d. of June. We are coming into high Discipline, the main Line is Conn^t. River. Plain Facts is accounted an Incendiary; strange that the Narration of plain Facts in a Free State should be so criminal.

I have a List of the Votes for Gov^r. &c. wh^b. perhaps I may inclose. . . .

From your humble Serv^t and
affectionate Friend

JOHN DEVOTION.

[The following is inclosed:]

Gov ^r . Pitkin ²	4777	Col Walker	3911
Fitch	3481	Ab Davenport	3785
Gov ^r . Trumble	3309	D ^r . Johnson	3624

¹This refers to the commissions of Benjamin Gale, George Dorr, and David Rowland, as Justices of the Peace by the Assembly, which were temporarily delayed.

²William Pitkin was chosen Governor, Jonathan Trumbull Deputy Governor, and Hezekiah Huntington, Matthew Griswold, Shubael Conant, Elisha Sheldon, Eliphalet Dyer, Jabez Huntington, William Pitkin, Jr., Roger Sherman, Robert Walker, Abraham Davenport, William Samuel Johnson, and Joseph Spencer, Assistants.

Huntington	4230	Joseph Spencer	2441
Griswold	4402	Thos Fitch	2104
Conant	3804	Eben ^r . Silliman	2348
Sheldon	3630	John Chester	1861
Dyar	3596	Benj Hall	1752
Jab Hunting	3737	Col Hamlin	2016
W ^m . Pitkin	4046	Zeb. West	1599
Rog Sherman	4300		

Taken in Hartford State House on Election Day as called off p^r. Sherif compared with many others.

[Note by Dr. Stiles:—The East Side voted for Sheldon, Sherman, Walker, Davenport & Johnson.]

Saybrook Sept^r. 17th: 1767.

Dear Sir

. . . The Convention¹ was opened by a Sermon by D^r. Allison, a most Catholic Thing, admired by all the Sons of Catholicism, from 1 Cor. 12. 27. Our first Business was to thank him in Convention & ask a Copy, and Money was subscribed and paid in Hand. Then M^r. Wells² being former Chairman was desired to preside till Moderator & Scribe were chosen. M^r. Sprout³ then went round and asked all the Names of all the Clergy present, which were with the Delegates promiscuously enrolled and each one by Name asked, whom do you chuse for Chairman. D^r. Allison was unanimously chosen Chairman & M^r. Wells Scribe. Letters from Boston, Rhode Island and N. Hampshire read—some Arguments offered for the Continuance of the Convention, and some for Discontinuance, but at Night a Vote was taken to continue it in some Shape—unanimous. On the Morrow went to consider the Letters a little more, having done this, it began to be moved to determine who were the Members of this Body; for if every Clergy Man was Member, if present tho not Delegated in Particular, there was Danger that the General Body represented by Delegates would be overborn by individuals; on the other hand, if Individuals not mentioned by Name p^r. Certificate were excluded, the very Plan was overthrown, yea many of us could not in Conscience act, for it was voted by some Associations, and

¹ Of Delegates from the Presbyterian Synod of New York and Philadelphia and from the Congregational Associations of Connecticut, held in New Haven in September, 1767.

² Noah Welles (Yale 1741), of Stamford.

³ James Sproat (Yale 1741), of Guilford.

declared to be the Sense of others that any of their Members, being present had the same Right as the Delegates. D^r. Allison & Ewing said as it was only for Brotherly Love & Consulting the Redeemers Kingdom, the more the better. A Committee was appointed to draw a Plan, one for universal Convention, & another for continuing it, by a small Committee, by Literary Correspondence, appointed upon the vote for continuance. While upon it M^r. Bellamy came in among them, third day evening, and said he thot it best to keep pretty much to the old plan, which they agreed to, & desired by Brother Devⁿ¹ to draw it, for them to view the next Morning; the Material Difference consisted, in Excluding all advice respecting any of the Internals of the Body in any Matters now subsisting or that should hereafter subsist, and the Members to consist of Presbyterians, Consociated Congregational & Gosple Ministers; then S^r. the Creature began to shew itself; Parsons of Boston Presbytery & Ells of Stonington observed that it would weaken the Discipline of the consociated Ch^h. to admit the Deposed M^{em}bers—yea it would take in, under the Term Congregational all our Seperates. After Dinner Friday, M^r. Hobart, who was delegated with M^r. Wells, but hitherto detained upon College Business, sent in Mess. Dagget, Lockwood & Ells, to declare that he would not sit with them if M^r. Dana's² name was enrolled, and that it was not the Sense of their Association that any besides Delegates should be admitted to vote. M^r. Wells his Colleague had expressly declared it was—and produced the Testimony of M^r. Silliman one of their Members, in the Debates, in the Forenoon. D^r. Allison & Ewing saw the Clashing, & desired it might be construed only as a Mistake. M^r. Wells said, that there was another of their Members now present, viz. M^r. Ripley, & desired that he would step forward & give his Testimony as to the Sense of this Association, which was the same with M^r. Sillimans, in Fav^r. of M^r. Wells. D^r. Allison tried every Method he could devise, to keep us harmonious, consenting to this or that or the other, shewing great Eagerness to have a Union, and at Length, desired the Scribe to raze out the Names of all but the Delegates. Now S^r. Consociation, New Light and Power were so visible that none could help seeing them. The pretty innocent

¹ Rev. Ebenezer Devotion (Yale 1732), half-brother of the writer.

² Rev. James Dana, of Wallingford, whbse ministerial standing was not recognized by the adherents of Consociational government.

lovely [] Heroes grew every Hour. Robbins, Ells, Parsons, Sprout & Lockwood of Andover had much upon their Hands, and had it not been for the Good Nature, Sense and Character of the Southern Gentlemen, it would now have been turned into Ridicule & Banter; they however agreed to adjourn to Elizabeth Town, the first Wednesday Octob. 1768, and appointed three Committees of Correspondence among our selves and to write Home—one Committee in each Government. . . .

Now Dr. take my poor Judgment of the Creature. Since Boston, Newport & Hampshire refused to convene with us, the Design was to unite Connecticut with the Synod of Philadelphia, and have us grow gradually with our own Consent into a Presbytery: this the View of the Southern Gentlemen.

Among our selves, twas to strengthen decaying Consociation Power. Ewing told me he was the Planster, & told some others, that it was probable that hereafter it might by our Consent work into a Presbyterian Form.

Mr. Parsons was told by the Committee, that if they excluded Congregationals it would exclude Mr. Bird¹ with whom he boarded; he said he had consulted Mr. Bird upon it who said he had rather be excluded, than have the Whittleseys & Dana admitted. Towards the Conclusion of the Matter when its Features appeared Mr. Dorr said what if we should want to have a Convention in the intermediate Time? we have made no provision. Devotion primus seconded his Motion, & a Committee was proposed to call the Convention. Mr. Robbins was a kind of Committee Nominator General. They agreed that any six of the Body with the Chairman judging it needful might call the Convention in the intermediate Time. Thus Sr. I have given you some of the Outlines of the Creature, and supposed your Desire of knowing it immediately would justify me in giving it, at the Expence of Postage. . . .

JOHN DEVOTION.

Some Gentlemen observ^d. that it was such a pretty innocent Creature in Appearance, that it would be cruel to murder it, but let it die a Natural Death; and its Dissolution I think is drawing on amain. I question wether any but zealous Congregationists will ever appoint any more Delegates, yea as we are adjourned,

¹ Rev. Samuel Bird, pastor of the White Haven church, New Haven.



tis hinted that the present Delegates stand of course; some talk of appointing Successors, as the Corporation does.

Twas observed by some Gentlemen that M^r. Dagget was mentioned in the Theses as president without pro Tempore, or Vice, whereupon one asked him whether he was not appointed pro Tempore, he answered, He never knew one appointed pro Eternitate. M^r. Lord and Williams came with a Design to resign but for some Reason did not.¹

Saybrook Octob 15th. 1767.

Rev^d. & Dear S^r.

If thro Engagedness upon Convention I forgot to return you my Thanks for the Pamphlet² I do it now. M^r. C. appears to be a Ninny Hammer, but our Author a Gentleman of Calmness, Smartness, and Attention to the Faith once delivered to the Saints; I am greatly pleased with his savoury Address by way of Conclusion.

I would let you know that I am not in the Spirit of Torey Sentiment, & I believe not the Atmosphere of their Influence; I have ever and still retain the highest Opinion of M^r. Pitt as a politician & Patriot—but saw some Hints of his *Insanity & Lost Influence*, which with Affirmations from private Letters made me fear, and therefore asked for Light supposing you might have better knowledge in the Matter. Pray in your next tell why the Officers of the Crown dont Love him as well as Fear him. . . .

I saw M^r. Dorr last week, & from others as well as him have Account of the first public performance of our Connecticut D^r.³ at the Instalment of his Son in law M^r. Patten.⁴ If the Intention of a Diploma is to license a Man to give general Disgust, he has acted in Character compleatly. I fear the Society have destroyed the very Notion of the thing in this Government, by the first Conferment. M^r. Dorr says there are Accounts in private Letters that they are about appointing us a Superior Court from Home; whenever this happens Farewell the Spirit of Charter. They intend

¹ Rev. Solomon Williams resigned from the Yale Corporation in 1769, and Rev. Benjamin Lord in 1772.

² Referring, perhaps, to a reply to Dr. Thomas B. Chandler's *Appeal to the Public, in behalf of the Church of England in America*.

³ Rev. Eleazar Wheelock (Yale 1733), of Lebanon, received the degree of D.D. from the University of Edinburgh in June, 1767.

⁴ William Patten was installed over the Second Church in Hartford in July, 1767; Rev. Edward Dorr was pastor of the First Church.

to leave the Parchment in our Hands, saying tis the Kings Prerogative to appoint Officers &c. Col. Wyllys sais they will raise more Money in the Method they have now adopted than by Stamp Act, for there is Room for Scoffing.

Esq^r. Silliman is not chosen this Season. Tis said he opposed the Appointment of one of the Sons of Liberty to Office in the Town, which raised great Indignation.

The Paper Mill at Norwich is plentifully supplied with Rags, and has full Demand for its Paper. M^r. Throop tells me he has viewed it, when at work,—that it is a Curiosity, that they mould & shop ready for the Press, about ten Sheets p^r. Minute by the watch. The Duties on Paper will give it Advantage I imagine. They have two other Manufactories there, one in the Cutlery Way, the other what is usually called Stone Ware. I intend to visit them at least the Paper Mill this Fall (Deo volente). . . .

M^r. Beckwith from College sais they petitioned the Assembly &c., Committee was appointed, they examined the Reverences closely whether they pretended to Independency; they frankly gave up all Pretensions to it, and the Committee seem pleased with it, talk of making some considerable Grant &c. Coll. Eliot, one of the Committee, told the Corpor^s. that the Reputation of College was sunk—asked why they didnt send for D^r. Stiles—told them he didnt like the Chaplainship; but was willing to grant for a Professor properly &c. Twas then thot that M^r. Dagget must stand this Year, and act Professor, that is preach a weekly Lecture; he told Beckwith he had rather have a Class. M^r. Dagget is mortified.

With the most Dutiful Respects & Sincere Affection

Your Friend and Fellow Labourer

JOHN DEVOTION.

We greet your Lady well, with Cousins how many?

Rev^d. & Dear Sr.

Saybrook 8th. Feb^r. 1768.

. . . . You mention *Landaffs Whines & Scurilous Reflections*, & I am glad he will hear of them from D^r. Chancey,¹ with some

¹ Charles Chauncy, of Boston, had just replied in *A Letter to a Friend* to a Sermon before the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts by John Ewer, Bishop of Llandaff.

Strictures, not so agreeable to his *Grace* as a Glass of Wine might be. And Dear S^r. since his Lordship had just been telling the World there was no Religion in America, but in the *holy Ch^h*. I believe it might be quite well to let Dr. Lardiner know, there was one *Devotion* among the Presbyterians or Dissenters. I have no very sanguine Expectations from D^r. Johnsons Attempts, since he has wrote D^r. Gale¹ such an Ac^t. as this, viz. whenever he applied to any considerable Gentlemen, for the College, he was answered *that wealthy Colony is able to take care of their own College*. . . .

The *Farmer's Letters*² (an understanding Farmer be sure) have alarmed or opend my Eyes that Fears are now quite as high with me as on Ac^t. of Stamp Act. The Snare is laid out of Sight of the greatest Part of the Birds. I wish every Colony would instruct their Agents to petition his Majesty & Parlament for a Repeal of that Act of Duties, using the Farmers Materials—that it might be said at least that it was not at our own Desire but against our Sentiments, and as we apprehend destructive of our Liberties.

But instead of a Repeal of that, I expect a large Addition, this Parlament, or else Prohibitions against our Manufactures. I am sorry Boston & other Places vapour so much about their *posse*. Should be much more pleased if they and all others would be content with *Agendo* and Reflection upon it—privately, or without Noise encrease our own Manufactories. Vapouring will provoke, but acting vigorously will Convince them & us. Had once the Fav^r. of Conversation with D^r. Franklin upon this Topic. Manufacture as much as possible, but say Nothing—was his Remark. Should the next Parlament consist of Anti-Americans chiefly, we should have Duties, Oppre—ns and [].

. I hear the Subject of a Bishop is revived both on this and that side the water. Some of the D^{ns}. must answ^r. D^r. Brad—y Chandler. But sais our Friend Whittlesey, Consociation Claims will make Chh.Men much faster than those Bishops, especially since they at present affect Moderation and Catholicism. Our present Administration, in this Colony, doubtless, affect Consocia-

¹ Both the author and Dr. Benjamin Gale (Yale 1733) were angling for honorary degrees from Great Britain. William Samuel Johnson (Yale 1744) was now in London.

² *Letters from a Farmer in Pennsylvania to the Inhabitants of the British Colonies*, 1767, by John Dickinson.

tion Men, and court them, either thro real Love or political Views; this with the Bellamyan Notions will prove a fruitful Source of Trouble, and make Ch^b. Men amain. Lord Bishop is more palatable with many now than Lord *Consociation*. / A Ch^b. Man said to M^r. ——— Quarrel as fast as you can, we love to see you make Ch^b. Men. The Lord only knows what is before us. I am sure of one thing—viz. He that encreases Knowledge encreases Sorrow. Tis surmised by some of our Gentlemen at Head Quarters, that Wheelocks School will drain the Blood of *Yale*, draw in the present Administration, and finally be [] as a College or Academy at Lebanon¹—and from what I observed when at Norwich & Windham, I am more confirmed in the Matter, that it is to be a State Tool.

The New Grants of Colonies on the Ohio, Illenois, and Detroit, are doubtless planned to prevent Manufactures in the Colonies—but I am thankful they cant prevent our Increase. . . .

Your affectionate Friend & Fellow Labourer

JOHN DEVOTION.

Saybrook March 16, 1768.

Rev^d. & Dear Sr.

In Ans^r. to yours of Jan^r. 23 p^r. Capⁿ. Ray, & March 1 both received together I reply M^r. Bird² proposed an Addition of 40£ to his Salary or a Dismission. The Parish thot it much easier to hold up Hands for Dismission than pay 40£ annually. M^r. Fish³ has preached there, after the Tutors,⁴ and I hear the Committee have been with him to settle, but have not heard the Result. M^r. Birds People dismissed him, not he his People. . . .

Bellamyan Notions are that no Child receive Baptism but of Parents in full Communion, and such as come to Communion must have Assurance of Regeneration, whereupon many carry their Children to Ch^b. of England for Baptism. Another is that Repentance connected with Pardon is antecedent to Justifying

¹ The Indian Charity School conducted by Dr. Eleazar Wheelock (Yale 1733) in Lebanon, was transferred in 1770 to New Hampshire as Dartmouth College.

² Rev. Samuel Bird, pastor of the White Haven Society in New Haven, was dismissed in January, 1768.

³ Rev. Joseph Fish, of North Stonington.

⁴ Ebenezer Baldwin (Yale 1763) and Job Lane (Yale 1764).

Faith—and this Repentance he defines as Divines commonly do Gospel Repentance. I heard him a whole Sermon on the Subject at a Gen^l. Association at Woodbury—the least edifying I ever heard by a Man pretending to good Sense. This Doctrine he has wrought up into a System, and endoctrinates his Pupils in it; this they study for Divinity—and the Eastern Associations some of them have refused to license them, untill they have promised to renounce that System entirely and preach Christ & the Cross instead of M^r. ——'s System. What you mean by Gov^r. Fitch's being his Patron I dont know. . . .

One thing I forgot. M^r. Trumble¹ of N. Hav. neglecting the Sacrament twice was desired to administer it to them. In Ans^r. sais, there are some Difficulties hindering; thereupon called a Meeting of his Ch^h., prefaced the Articles of Charge with a long N. Light Cant—then charged a great Numb^r of the Ch^h. of being unsound, naming no one. Charged the Ch^h. of Breaking Covenant in not walking according to Constitution, and of letting the Children play at Meeting without disciplining them in the Ch^h. and of Neglect in Payment of Salary, prayed them to amend & correct these, or grant him Dismission. A Committee waited on him, desired the Charge in writing, which he finally refused saying I will sooner pluck out my Heart & let you kick it about the Floor. Since, a Committee waited on him, and were together till Midnight. I have heard no farther of the Matter.

I am D^r. S^r. affectionately yours

JOHN DEVOTION.

S^r. I congratulate you upon your Election to the Philosophical Society in Philadelphia. I wish for an Opportunity to congratulate you upon your Election to the Presidency of Yale, but — &c. . . .

I have heard since I began to write that M^r. Sprout² has been invited to preach at New Haven near the Birds Nest, and solicited to settle with them, this I cant say is to be depended on. I believe you are near weary of the long Epistle. I will only add

I am ut supra

Yours

JOHN DEVOTION.

¹ Benjamin Trumbull, pastor in North Haven.

² Rev. James Sproat (Yale 1741), of Guilford.

Saybrook April 25th. 1768.

Dear Sr.

I now write just to let you know that you may write also. M^r. Hubbard¹ remains preaching at Meriden. The Ch^b. has voted out Constitution till such Time as Consociation returns to a moderate Use of it, and offered the minor party to forego their Choice of M^r. Hubbard, and try some Candidate that might be agreeable to them, provided they would in like Manner renounce the undue Claims of Consociation, but they rejected the Offer. Mess^{rs}. Beckwith, Hart & Johnson with your Friend have made some proposals of Accommodation between Consociation and the *Exclusos*, in order for a Coalition Moderation, and a joint Stand against the Ch^b. Interest, or rather Encrease; this was done before Meriden Ch^b. voted out Constitution; since this they press for Ordination, immediate Ordination. The minor Party are about petitioning the Assembly to be released from the Rate, granted in the Society for payment of M^r. Hubbard &c. Some of our young zealous Orthodox Clergy pretend to see Arrianism in your Brothers Consid. of the first & second Question. I have heard of a Generation of second sighted Mortals; dear D^r. some of us in this Colony are Orthodox above that which is written. You have seen I trust that M^r. Byles of N. London has declared for the Ch^b. all of sudden. Twas to many as surprising as a Clap of Thunder. We are breaking to pieces in our Ch^{ba}. very fast in Connecticut. N. Light, Orthodoxy and the Ch^b. What cant they do? M^r. Mirick² of N. Branford is unable to officiate, desires a Colleague. But the People press a Resignation that his Estate may help support the Ministry—hard Measure I think towards one that has served 40 years. M^t. Carmel is at last come to a Settlement of one Sherman, that is I hear the Day of Ordination was appointed, and is now past. White Haven dont agree in M^r. Fish on Account of his Age. But are sending to M^r. Edwards, Tutor in the Jerseys. My Spouse is infirm this Spring, I propose to ride with her up the River at Election Time. M^r. Trumble at North Haven has com-

¹ John Hubbard, Jr. (Yale 1744), a brother of Mrs. Stiles, had been preaching in Meriden for the past six months; but his settlement was strongly opposed.

² Rev. Jonathan Merrick (Yale 1725); a colleague was ordained in March, 1769.

promised Matters with his people. I have since heard that the Account I sent you was exaggerated a little. I hear that Tutor *White* is about settling as Colleague with his Father¹; Sandemanism relishes better in the West than in the East of this Colony. I shall desire our Boatman to wait on you, and give an Opportunity of a Letter back. . . .

Your Affectionate Friend and Fellow Labourer

JOHN DEVOTION.

Saybrook 22. Decem^r. 1768.

Rev^d. & Dear Sr.

. . . . I was invited as one of the Ordination Council at the Settlement of M^r. Andrew Lee at the Eighth Society in Norwich,² bordering on my Brother Devotion who was present. M^r. Hart preached &c. M^r. Lord one of the Invited, was not returned from a Journey. M^r. Lee is a good Man, and our Uncle Lord³ is wide awake about the Western Heresie, and invited Brother Eb. to encounter Bellamy & Hopkins. For sais M^r. Throop M^r. Lord has lately found that M^r. Eb. Devotion is a Gentleman of Abilities & sound Sense. Yea farther our Uncle has been obliged in confuting Sandeman, to preach the Necessity of Good Works, and become a kind of what he would have called a Modern Arminian, and begins to see that we quondam Hereticks had stronger Entrenchments against such Hereticks than some others—O Whartons Puppies! so that we may have the pleasure of being in his Charity, who Years excepted is younger than you or I. M^r. Hart sais Bellamy and Hopkins have done him much Good—yea farther more the good old Saint is greatly consoled in the Return of many of his stray Sheep but especially Lambs . . .

Your Affectionate Friend and *obliged* hum^l. Serv^t.

JOHN DEVOTION.

¹ Ebenezer R. White (Yale 1760), son of Rev. Ebenezer White (Yale 1733) now pastor of the Separate Church in Danbury, was ordained shortly before this date.

² Hanover Society, over which Mr. Lee (Yale 1766) was ordained in October, 1768, is now included in the town of Sprague.

³ Rev. Benjamin Lord (Yale 1714) married for his first wife a sister of the mother of the writer and of the mother of Dr. Stiles.

Rev^d. & Dear Sr.

Saybrook Feb^y. 30th.¹ 1769.

S^r. we had a remarkeable Aurora Jan^y. 3, 1769, but I was that Evening at a wedding and saw it chiefly on Horseback, it flashed up considerably but so much alike that no one Flash could be fixed upon as the leading One.

This Colony has been in a considerable Ferment on Account of the Treasury, M^r. Talcott falling in Arrear 21,000 or more of which he can give no Account, whereupon the Assembly appointed Capⁿ. Lawrence in his Room. Our American Genius *Abel Buel* is now manufacturing Tipes, for printing. D^r. Gale thinks they will be equal to any European ones; the D^r. designs a present of enough of them to print an Advertisement, to your American Society. . . .

You have doubtless heard of M^r. Sprouts Transplantation at Philadelphia. My Kinsman Murdock² is preaching with his *Defected Flock* as a neighboring Minister termed it in his Prayer with them. I once exchanged with my Kinsman, when upon the Sabbath Evening many of the Leading Men of the Parish came in to my Lodgings and among other Conversation expressed much Surprise at the Conduct of the Council in advising M^r. Sprout to leave them, whereupon I related to them certain Facts beginning at Wallingford, thence to Meriden &c. and just let them know, they had themselves had been in the high driving Scheme and were actually zealous by their Pastor & Delegate in the Meriden Affair, at which they were greatly surprised, and affirmed they never knew they were a Consociated Ch^b. . How strange this! But as I found they were well prepared to receive it, I told them I hoped & believed a little whipping with their own Rod would cure them of the Distemper as it had some other Ch^{ba}. when they had received the Discipline themselves. I believe this Discipline has detached them from Consociation high Claims.

Dear S^r. have you forgot there is one John Devotion at Saybrook, once an Acquaintance of yours? or am I to believe D^r. Stiles is dead? If Sr you are actually dead please send me a Line & notifie the Time of your Departure—which will greatly oblige S^r.

Your Affectionate Friend & humble Serv^t.

JOHN DEVOTION.

¹ Probably an error for March 30th.

² Jonathan Murdock (Yale 1766), a brother of the author's wife. Rev. James Sproat (Yale 1741) had just left the Fourth Society in Guilford,

Saybrook July 14th. 1769.*Dear Kinsman*

. . . . I have had both Ears open touching Meriden Matters. My Kinsman Murdock a Candidate otherways ingenious, has drank in great Fears of Heresie abounding &c.; he is a Consociation Man so far, tho he dont like that growing Power yet hardly sees the Artifice. A few Days since I was at Fathers¹ and the Gentleman who was appointed Delegate last Winter, when we had Counter Orders; which Gentleman enquired what had become of Meriden Matters. I answered they had just ordained M^r. Hubbard, without us, whereupon my Kinsman expressed a great Deal of Satisfaction that this Ch^b. was clear of it, saying we had saved our selves much Trouble. I then said we were saved the Trouble of going to Council, but what other Trouble he aimed at I didnt know, but one thing I would assure him, that had I been called to the Council, & things appeared as I heard, I should have proceeded to lay on Hands,—indeed S^r. to say in a word I gave him a Brotherly Castigation in Presence of our good Father Murdock & others. I opened the whole Affair &c. and put him to Silence, letting them know that when the Office of the Ministry could not be executed without Menaces, twas Time to think seriously of Consequences. A few Days after M^r. Huntington² of Killingworth called with his Lady; he presently let me know that he had heard of Meriden Affairs, and that with some Warmth or Acrimony. I told him Dr. Stiles lodged with me in his Return & so I had accounts from the Fountain. He said he was glad M^r. Hart & I didnt go, as it would have made Trouble in the Association. I asked him what Trouble? he ans^d. not. I then told him, had I been called I should have laid on Hands; he said he believed it for he knew I liked such Men. I told him, it was true, I loved to see Gentlemen of Candour introduced into the Ministry, and as touching the Matter, he had raised so many surmises about, viz. the Word coeval, M^r. Hubbard was examined particularly & said, he understood coeval & coeternal to be tantamount or synonamous & specially since they were used so in the Trinitarian Controversy. Upon the whole I told him he was upon close Examination, found fully orthodox. He said he didnt know ever the better for the Examination of those Gentlemen, but if

¹ Capt. John Murdock, of Westbrook, father of the author's wife.

² Rev. Eliphalet Huntington (Yale 1759).

Lockwood had examined him, he should then have known what his Sentiments were. A few Sentences after said that M^r. Lockwood of Weathersfield, had lately declared and avowed the new Orthodoxy (namely) that Regeneration could not be effected, but by Power. Then S^r. said I you would have been pleased to have him settled had he chimed in with this Sentiment; he then repeated his Words he should have known what his Sentiments were if Lockwood had examined and approved him, & added this is all the Vogue. I told him I didnt chuse my Religion, nor teach that of Jesus out of Fashion & for Vogue sake; he then threw out much Bitterness against D^r. Stiles, that it was mean & would have a little Look with it for you a Brother to come so far to usher him into Place—yea it would be resented by the Clergy of this Colony. I told him the D^r. was loath to disoblige so many of the Clergy of this Colony, he felt this as sensibly as others saw it.

Upon the whole D^r. you must not expect your last Tour thro the Colony, nor your laying on Hands will seat you in the Presidency at Yale. We meet on Tuesday last to hear M^r. Harts Piece upon D^r. Whittaker; while waiting for some Gentlemen M^r. Hart took M^r. Huntington upon this new Orthodoxy & sifted him thoroughly, but what was more vexatious still I believe was to find M^r. Beckwith full against it and pronounce M^r. Harts piece genuine orthodoxy and Calvinistick. Huntington voted for the Publication but still told us he liked D^r. Whittakers Sermons in the Main.

I have heard M^r. Hall of Cheshire moved to M^r. Robbins to move to that Association, to desire the Association above to call the Members to Account for proceeding in the Ordination of M^r. Hubbard. Dont you expect Doc^r. a Motion to yours, to give you a Flogging?

I have heard, perhaps you knew it upon the Spot, that the Minor Party took Advice of M^r. Hilhouse whether it would not answer to read the Riot Act to the Council, and disperse them in that Manner. Brave Times in Connecticut, D^r.

Please to give my best Compliments to Ma^m the chickens &c.

I am with True Affection

Your Fellow Labourer

JOHN DEVOTION.

Saybrook Oct^r. 24, 1769.

Dear Sr.

While your Brother sets a Minute I write. We think we discern the Comet even now in the West. D^r. Gale is present, sends Compliments & tells me to write, he is in great Tribulation. As to Gov^t. Matters your Brother will doubtless tell you. M^r. Woodbridge¹ was ordained at New London, after bringing him frankly to own his Sentiments & renounce them in some Measure. M^r. Harts Piece² has caused much Conversation. Brother Devotion sais No Medium between Hart & Hopkins. Our Association are all with Hart, Huntington excepted. D^r. Bellamy now sais in Conversation that the Unregenerate may not pray the Lords Prayer. West of Stockbridge and some others have got to adopt the Berclean Ideal Philosophy into Divinity,—now & then one is converted to that Scheme. Eb Devotion sais tis the most pernicious Doctrine ever taught in this Land. People say dont like it when they come to understand it. I expect you write more leisurely by your Brother.

With Compliments I am, Dear Sr.,

Your Affectionate Friend and humble Ser^t.

JOHN DEVOTION.

JARED ELIOT

A grandson of the Apostle Eliot; born in Guilford, Connecticut, in 1685, and graduated at Yale in 1706. From 1707 to his death in 1763, pastor in Killingworth, now Clinton. He also practiced medicine extensively, and had a sound scientific knowledge.

Killingworth March 24 1756.

Sr.

. . . . I am glad to find that all is to mutuall Satisfaction between you and your People. Had I not known both very well, I should not have ventured those Lengths I did to bring you together; your happyness doth much to Compleat mine.

¹ Ephraim Woodbridge (Yale 1765), a New Light in theology and a Hopkinsian.

² *Brief Remarks on a number of False Propositions, and Dangerous Errors, . . . wrote by Dr. Whitaker and Mr. Hopkins.* By William Hart (Yale 1732).

I think M^r. Winthrop has laid M^r Prince flat on back, and seems to take some pleasure in his mortification.¹ The Professor has in my opinion given the best Summary of the Laws of Electricity that I have ever seen; and accounted for Earthquakes upon Principles founded on Experience, for what he writs of the fermentation which will arise upon putting water to Iron and Sulphur I know to be fact, that two cold Liquors upon my putting them together have kindled into a flame in an Instant. Such fluids and Solids encountering each other in strait places confined and pent up will produce dismall Effects.

M^r Prince has exposed him Self very much in his Lamentation over Boston as greatly exposed by the Pointed Rods. As an Error in Philosophy is neither Heresy nor Treason it would have been most for M^r. Princes honour to have acknowledged the mistake; ineffectuall struggling doth but sink a man the deeper into the mire.

As to N Haven I suppose you know that M^r. Noyes and People gave M^r. D² a unanimous call to the ministry, or if that should fail that he might be settled Professor and assistant to M^r. N, or at least that he might preach half the time in the meeting house, the Cöllege attending; it was agreed to, and ordered that he should preach there till next Commencement: as you well know M^r. C and M^r. N, you can judge for your self how far this is acceptable and agreeable to them.

I should be glad to hear from you often. I think you have not been quite so good to me as to some of my neighbours.

As to M^r. D he much exceeds my Expectation, his Ideas are as clear as his Subject will permit, his English good, and delivery easy, voice and Gesture agreeable.

I am your

Humble Serv^t.

JARED ELIOT.

¹ Professor John Winthrop, of Harvard College, had published in 1755 a *Lecture on Earthquakes*, in the Appendix to which he animadverted severely on the Rev. Thomas Prince's *Improvement of the Doctrine of Earthquakes, being the Works of God, and Tokens of his just Displeasure*.

² Rev. Naphtali Daggett (Yale 1748) had been inducted on March 4 as Professor of Divinity in Yale College, in consequence of President Clap's dissatisfaction with Rev. Joseph Noyes, pastor of the First Church in New Haven.

Sr.

Killingworth June 8 1762.

In years past when the Communication and trade between this place and Newport was at the height, I could have sent there almost every week, but now one must look out sharp, and wait long for an opportunity. I heard that Jones was going to Newport & carryd the books and Letters to M^r. Devotion for Conveyance, hope they are come safe to your hand.

I wonder very much that in all the projected Expeditions there is nothing said of Massasippy which would be the greatest acquisition, and in time of the greatest importance to the Crown and North America; but it may be if Havanna and S^t. Augustine come to be in our possession New Orleans will be thought shut up and well secured. I fear that will be ineffectual: if there remain 100 french men under French Gov't we shall have the blood of war shed in time of peace. Is not Bell-Isle given up as a useless Conquest. I know not what is coming, but the Lord reigns, let the Earth rejoice. Let me hear from you often when opportunity presents.

I am yours very affectionately

J ELIOT.

M^r. Holt writs that M^r. Franklin is shipt and is daily expected. I want something new and good. M^r. Franklin sent me of the true Tartarian Rhubarb Seed which I have distributed into many hands; it is universally come up, and looks flourishing. I write in hast; if you cant read it send it back to me.

WILLIAM ELLERY

Son of the Hon. William Ellery, of Newport; born 1727, and graduated at Harvard in 1747. A signer of the Declaration of Independence. Died 1820.

Rev^d. & Dear Sir,

Cambridge, Sep^r. 3^d, 1764.

I am much Obliged to you for your good Letter; but had much rather have seen you in Person; partly on my own Account but principally on that of M^{rs}. Ellery,¹ who ever since I have been

¹The author's wife, Ann, daughter of Judge Jonathan Remington (Harvard 1696), of Cambridge. She was the grandmother of the Rev. Dr. William Ellery Channing.

here, at Times, hath been extremely desirous of seeing you. I am perfectly satisfied that a Deception in a Matter of so vast Importance as our future felicity ought to be avoided. M^{rs}. Ellery is in no Danger from that Quarter. Her Diffidence is so great that if her Friends were ever so much disposed to amuse her it would be impossible. M^r. Appleton¹ hath been kind enough to administer to her as much Comfort as he could by Prayers & Conversation. He is a pious good Man; but you are sensible that all pious good Men are not equally agreeable in Conversation, have not the same happy Way of communicating their Ideas. She enjoys more Composure of Mind than when I first came here; and I hope as she makes gradual Approaches to Death, the sublunary Objects of Affection will recede & disappear, & the glories of the heavenly World open upon her Mind. She grows weaker daily—is done riding, & walks but a few Steps in a Day, & those not without Assistance. A few Days will land her I don't doubt upon the blissfull Shore above. As for my Part I thank God I bear up under the dreadful Scene with more Calmness & fortitude than I should imagin; & hope I shall be enabled, when that black Period shall arrive which will separate me from my best Friend, to preserve a proper Decency & Resignation. I have not time to add only that I am with sincere Regards to you M^{rs}. Stiles & the Family.

Y^{rs}. affectionately

WILLIAM ELLERY.

I made a very great blunder about the Width of the new College building² 'tis 40 Feet instead of 30.

JOHN ELY

Son of James Ely, of Lyme, Connecticut; born 1758; a teacher in Philadelphia and elsewhere; died 1847.

Philadelphia July 20, 1789.

Reverend Sir,

. . . You have doubtless been informed of revolutions that have taken place in the college of Philadelphia; concerning which to give you some information, is the subject of my letter.

¹ Nathaniel Appleton (Harvard 1712), pastor of the First Church in Cambridge.

² Harvard Hall.

In this city are three public institutions: the college, the university, and the episcopal academy. These of right should be all centred in one; but the *hydra* of discord has divided, and still divides the founders and supporters of them.

The college of Philadelphia was a private institution, founded in the year 1749, agreeably to proposals made and published by Dr. Franklin. Twenty-four gentlemen constituted a board of trustees. It was then stiled an academy, and was supported by private subscriptions. In May 1755 a charter was obtained, granting the necessary powers for a college, with the usual privileges of conferring degrees; and it was incorporated with the title of "The college, academy and charitable school of Philadelphia." The trustees appointed the rev. D^r. Smith provost. Between the years 1762 and 1773, dr. Smith collected in England, Jamaica, Carolina, Philadelphia & elsewhere, upwards of twenty thousand pounds, which constituted the fund of the college.

Under the direction of dr. Smith as provost, the college, academy and charitable school of Phila. continued to flourish till the year 1779; when it was represented to the general assembly, that dr. Smith held principles unfriendly to the independence of the United States, and that the institution under his direction might in some degree endanger the liberties of the commonwealth. This alarmed the assembly, which in a few days made a complete revolution. Instead of the college &c. of Philadelphia, it was stiled the university of Pennsylvania. A new provost, and new professors were appointed, and large additions made to its funds, by the State. These proceedings were highly reprobated by part of the members of assembly, and by part of the citizens, who did all in their power to prevent it; but to no purpose—the majority carried all before them. The episcopalians were generally dissatisfied at what the assembly had done; and in the year 1785 united, and instituted the "Academy of the protestant episcopal church in Philadelphia," and appointed the rev. dr. Andrews (then rector of a church in Maryland) principal. This school about three years ago, consisted of upwards of two hundred scholars; since which it has gradually declined; and contains now but about seventy. Last fall it moved into an elegant building erected solely for its accommodation. A charity school, supported by private subscriptions has lately been annexed to this academy. There is no want of scholars to fill a charity school. Mr. Charles White¹ a native of Connecticut is at

¹ Yale 1783.

present *regent* of the episcopal academy. He cannot be appointed principal, because the constitution of the academy requires the principal to be an episcopalian.

After dr. Smith was deprived of his place in the college, he never gave the assembly any peace, but worried them continually at every session, 'till he was restored; or rather, 'till the college was restored to its original trustees—which happened last April. The college now stands, with respect to its priviledges, as it stood before the revolution; excepting that the funds are somewhat impaired. Dr. Smith is but nominally provost, for as yet he has not resumed his seat. Dr. Andrews (late of the episcopal academy) superintends the college at present. The rev. dr. Rogers is appointed professor of english; and dr. Davidson (M.D.) is reappointed professor of the latin and greek languages. They have now near one hundred scholars, which are daily increasing.

Dr. Ewing still continues provost of the university, tho' removed to another building. His salary, as provost, was 500*£* a year; his congregation allow him a sallary of 300*£* a year; these, with his perquisites, afford him a rich living.

After the college was erected into a university it was liberally endowed by the State; those endowments are all retained by the university, and the funds restored to the college as they were before the revolution. However, dr. Smith says that what was given to the university was given to the college; inasmuch as the original charter of the college was not annulled, nor altered for the university; and 'tis said he intends to bring an action in court, to recover accordingly.

The university consists now of somewhat more than a hundred scholars. About three years ago it contained upwards of three hundred; but, a small number only, of these form the classical scholars: all the rest being no more than common little school boys. The annual graduates are but few, but very few, when compared with those of Yale college. Fifteen is a large class to graduate in one year. When people tell of the university of Pennsylvania, or the college of Philadelphia, as containing one, two, or three hundred scholars, it must always be understood that all the little boys are reckoned in the number.

Thus Sir, I have given you as fair an account of the three public seminaries in this city, as my information from four years' residence here, will permit me to do. The private schools in town

are numerous; how many there are it is difficult to tell; but I imagine not less than fifty or sixty. Among these are two academies solely for the instruction of young ladies.

The schools here are by no means under such good discipline, as they are in the eastern parts of the U. States. It can hardly be said that *order* prevails in any School hereabout. When I was coming to this city, I expected to find Schools in the most perfect order, and teachers the most accomplished; but I am constrained to say, I found it much otherwise. New-England seems to be the place where the muses love to resort, and where the Sciences best flourish. . . .

Your devoted humble Servant

JOHN ELY.

EBENEZER FITCH

Born in Newent Society, in Norwich, now Lisbon, Connecticut, 1756, and graduated at Yale in 1777. He was a tutor at Yale from December, 1780, to March, 1783, and again from September, 1786, to September, 1791, going thence to the Academy which became Williams College, of which he was the first President, from 1793 to 1815. He died in 1833.

Rev^d Doctor,

By a clause in the Statute which constitutes what is called the Alarm List, Officers of the Militia have thought they were authorized to detach the Students of Yale who have commenced Bachelors. They do not dispute that "Students for the time being" are exempted from military duty; but suppose, by that phrase, Undergraduates only are intended. That Bachelors are members of College till the time they do, or ought, to commence Masters of Arts, I suppose, is plain; as well from the custom of taking a second Degree, as from the Charter and Constitution of the University. Exemption from military service is of great importance to such an institution; and ought to be carefully preserved and strenuously defended. As soon would I tamely suffer my Country to be deprived of its rights by the Tyrant of Britain, as Yale of this by a Militia Officer. He that suffers himself to be robbed of this privilege, does the University an essential injury, and renders himself unworthy of being one of its members. As I can enjoy this privilege but a few weeks, this reason, more than any

personal advantage, has induced me to trouble the Doctor with a request, that he would please to send me a Certificate that I am considered as member of Yale, or in the Law phrase, am still a "Student for the time being." The Colonel, to whom my name is returned, as one detached for six months service, will not be satisfied without such a Certificate from under the President's hand. 'Tis not sufficient that he is well informed that it is the opinion of some certainly, (and perhaps of all) the first characters in the legal profession in the State, that Bachelors and Undergraduates are equally intended by the Statute. I wish well to the cause of my Country, and am willing to render it every service in my power, not incompatible with other obligations. A Certificate by this Post, would lay under particular obligations,

Rev^d Doctor,
Your obedient Pupil and humble Serv^t

EBEN^r FITCH.

Canterbury July 26th., 1780.

BENJAMIN GALE

Born in Jamaica, Long Island, in 1715, and graduated at Yale in 1733. He studied medicine with the Rev. Jared Eliot, of Killingworth, now Clinton, Connecticut, and settled there in practice, marrying Dr. Eliot's only daughter. He died in 1790. His attainments in science were respectable, but he dabbled to an unfortunate extent in studies of prophecy, and was at times unreasonable in his personal prejudices.

Killingworth

7th. Jan^r. 1761.

Rev^d. S^r.,

You doubtless have heard of an Ordination performd at North-Haven under y^e Inspection & by y^e laying on of y^e Hands of ye Consociation, our High Court of Inquisition—at which the Great, y^e Good, Learned, and orthodox M^r. Trumble,¹ was Inducted into Holy Orders, by y^t. Venerable Body—I should have added right Rev^d. allso.

¹ Benjamin Trumbull (Yale 1759), ordained pastor of the Church in North Haven, as successor to the Rev. Isaac Stiles, the father of Dr. Stiles, on Dec. 24, 1760.

I have allso to tell you, tho I must confess it is with reluctancy, that No Mention was made of y^r good Father, either in Prayer, Sermon, Charge, or Right Hand of Fellowship, or that ever that vacant Church had ever had a Minister or had been bereav'd &c. &c.

To me this discovers y^e Rancour and Bitterness of the Spirit with which y^t. Body are deeply ting'd & by which they are actuated.

I have allso to Inform you by reason of y^e Small Pox being so frequent, that I have concluded to be Inoculated therefor, & to that End have obtain'd Leave to erect a Hospital in this Town for y^e Purpose of Inoculation, & for y^e Present have Hired one very convenient, untill mine can be compleated. Have sent to y^e Jerseys for a Gentleman to perform y^e operation on my self, & a Class who are to go in with me. I send thither only on Political Views, as it is to Inspire me with great knowledge.

The Method there us'd I pretty well understand, & I like it y^e Best.

Your most ob^t. & very Humble Serv^t.

BENJ^a. GALE.

Rev^d. Sr.

I send you herewith a Letter I lately Receivd from D^r. Huxham,¹ of which Honour I trust you will think I am not a little Elate—I have wrote him an Answer & have sent him 6 or 7 Sorts of Minerals—& some other American Curiosities which I hope will be acceptable to him.

I had allso prepar'd my treatise on the Small pox, but as I did not very well like the Introductory Letter, a Historical Account prefix'd, I detained it, & now send it you for your perusal & Judgment,² and if you don't like it, say so, like an honest freind, & tell me how to do Better. I have however ask'd him Liberty to send it him for his perusal. I shall be able to authenticate the Cure of the Bite of y^e Rattlesnake by sea salt, but as for its being said to cure the Bite of Mad Dogs, I have assured him what was Inserted in their papers must be a mistake, & have informed him though we have *Angry Dogs & sad Dogs* in N. England, we never had *Canis Rabiosus* till about 12 months past.—I hope by this good Man to gain some points abroad.—Have wrote a second

¹ John Huxham, M.D., an eminent physician of Plymouth, England.

² This manuscript was sent a year later to the Royal Society of London, and was published in their Philosophical Transactions for 1765, in 1766.

Letter to D^r. Templeman¹ on y^e Black Grass, its Culture &c. and have room for one more, when I send the seed, when my whole stock will be spent, unless I have their Answer. I doubt you did not to say one word for me to M^r. Franklin. I fear the Gold Medal² is Lost in the packet that was Lost on Carolina, as I have M^r. Col-ensons Letter, Informing me he had received it, and would send it soon. I hear they have the Small pox in Boston and some of my freinds have mentioned my going down thither, but I think it will not Answer. I cannot act the Quack. I wish I had some freind there who would tell them I was a Man of Sense and actually Understood More of the true Philosophy of the Disease and the Mechanical Operation of Medicine than the famous Inoculators³ who have raised their Fortunes & Fame by the Practice.

You told me you would write to me now the good Doct^r. was dead,⁴ but have no sort of Evidence but that you are in the same State with Him. You have a Tallent at Encreasing the Humane Species both by figures, Trope & in Reality. In my Historical Account if you like it I hope you will perfect & embellish what I attempted; from this time forward I intend to Write, Tease, & Plague you untill I get you a scribling.

I heartily mourn for the Desolation of ye Seat of the Muses at Cambridge⁵ at which I fear president Clap will receive some Comfort.

You doubtless have heard we have hapily united in M^r. E. Huntington who is ordain'd⁶ among us to good Satisfaction; he is not a great Man, nor ever will be, but is honestly dispos'd, good Natur'd, a pretty good Speaker, prays well, but by Nature he is somewhat sinfull, hope in time to flux him, & purge off his Dross.

But what I know must Chear your Mind, our Church (Nemine Contradicente) voted Ecclesiastical Councils not vested with Judicial Authority by the Head & King of the Church, but all their decrees advisory only, & Voted to adhere to the Antient Rules

¹ Peter Templeman, M.D., of London, Secretary of the Society of Arts.

² The medal which was awarded by the Society of Arts to Dr. Jared Eliot.

³ Inoculation was introduced into Boston by Dr. Zabdiel Boylston in 1721. That town was visited by an extremely severe epidemic of small pox in January and February, 1764.

⁴ Dr. Jared Eliot died in April, 1763.

⁵ Harvard Hall was destroyed by fire on the night of January 24, 1764.

⁶ Eliphalet Huntington (Yale 1759) was ordained pastor of the church in Killingworth, now Clinton, as successor to Jared Eliot, on January 11, 1764.

of Discipline of this Church, at their first organization, before the Structure of Saybrook Platform, taking the Word of God for our Rule & Direction therein, which we Declare to be the only Rule of faith & manners. And in Defiance of Cap^t. Jn^o. Babcock, James Babcock & Peter Ammet (Indian Sachem) sent for the Church of Lebanon, Haddam in Hartford District, Father Ruggles, & Bro^r. Todd, one of which gave the Charge, the other Righthand of Fell^p., and after the Ceremony was over had Communion with Brother Dana & had not the Season been very [] should have partook with M^{rs}. Sam^l. & Chancy Whittlesey. My best Complements wait on you and your Lady.

I am, S^r., Most Respectfully
Your Hum. Serv^t.

B. GALE.

P. S. When you return this dont put it into the Mail but deliver it as a Bundle to the Post.

Killingworth 24 Nov^r. 1764.

Rev^d. S^r.

I receiv^d. y^r. Fav^r. of y^o. 14 Octob^r. with the Grass & [Clover?] seed for w^h. I thank you & shall make the Experiment.

I have receiv^d. a Second Letter from M^r. Collenson requesting my Publishing the Hystory & Culture of Black Grass granting Liberty to insert it as done at his requisition. I cannot as yet please my self with the Introduction to the Printer, pray send me y^r. Prolifick Head for this Jobb.

I am sorry D^r. Franklin push'd off in so much haste, otherwise I would have modestly ask'd, or rather procured it to be done, to have obtained his Influence, to have procured me a Legal title to the Capital Letters M.D. I was Told by M^r. Johnson of Lyme he was in Penns Interest, but now Conclude he is gon home against proprietary Insolence & tyranny.

I have seen a Scetch in Providence paper of the Attempts of your Scotch Gentry in w^h. I hope they will be frustrated. The Insolence of that Nation is Intollerable. I sent by y^r. Post to D^r. Hunter a few weeks Past for some of D^r. Storkers Extract de Cicuta when he had the Good Breeding to tell Mumford I did not know how to use it and on that Acc^t. refus'd to let him have it for me.

Soon after you Left us, I mentioned the Affair of them Books to my Bro^r., when they were all Present save Two, who all unanimously agreed you was the fittest person on Earth to be Sentenced to Read them, and on Acc^t. of your Friendship to Dr. Eliot¹ and your relation to him, we concluded to present them to you, and to Desire your Acceptance of them, in testimony of the sincere regard we bear you, & as a memorial of our good Father, and when we all come together if nothing is objected, as I have no suspicion there will, I will ship them p^r. first Opp^r.

You will make our Compliments to your Lady & Little Babes & accept the same from

Your sincere friend & very Humb^e. Serv^t.

B. GALE.

P. S. I hope Mr. Sandyman will shortly be with us, & that he will set the Orthodoxy by the Ears, that poor Herreticks may have a Little Rest.

Saybrook 8th. July, 1766.

Rev^d. & Dear S^r.

. . . . We carry on our Steel Manufacture very Brisk, have made six Tons of good Steel since y^e. 25 May last; it is now in high reputation in N York, will sell preferable to English Steel N^o. 3. We greatly want in order to carry on the Works large Quantities of Cattles Horns & Hoofs—will give the same Price for the Hoofs of a Bullock that his horns will sell for, & as to the Price of Horns must conform to the price current. I should be oblig'd to you if you will converse with some of your Merchants who may be confided in w^r. they will sell our Steel on Commission. We will sell somewhat lower than best English Steel & will warrant y^e. same to be good. If any you can engage that will undertake for us please to let me know their Names, & if they can purchase some Horns now without paying Cash & send by this opp^r. should be glad. Shall send a fagot or two by this same Vessel if I can get it down before they sail for a sample; shall send Fagot steel, Blistard Steel & Flat Barrs for edge Tools. I am S^r.

Your most Ob^t. Hum^b. Serv^t.

B. GALE.

¹ The writer's wife and her brothers were the heirs of Dr. Jared Eliot.

Rev^d. & Dear Sr.

Killingworth 23 Aug^t. 1766.

I receivd your kind Fav^r. of y^e. 15th. Inst. and am sorry your Merch^{ts}. & Mechanicks do not know the Difference between common Bristol Steel & London Steel N^o. 3. The Merch^{ts}. in N York have given us £3 for our Steel and again sold it before our Eyes for £4; the best London Steel N^o. 3 to w^h. ours is preferrd cannot be imported & sold at y^e price Cap^t. Ellery mentions & if your Mechanicks do not understand y^e Difference Rhode Island will not be a proper Market for our Manufacture.

I am free & willing any Tryals should be made of it, the common Blistred Steel doubled and a welding Heat taken upon it with Sea Coal Fire & drawn out to a proper Size the bigger half will make edge Tools equal to German. . . .

With regard to our College various are the Conjectures of y^e. Event of President Claps resignation, & divers Persons named as his Successor. M^r. Dagget, M^r. Wells, M^r. Lockwood & D^r. Stiles are named but I do not know w^r. the necessary Qualifications of a President to suit y^e. Corporation of Y. College may be found in either viz. the greatest Bigot, y^e. most Orthodox, the most Obstinate Temper, & Inflexible N Light, & the Least of a Gentleman are the necessary Qualifications in order to be pronounced fitt for the Chair, & a very moderate Stock of Knowledge with all the foregoing will make a finished and shining Character. As we hear a Regiment of Soldiers are to be quartered upon us many incline during the Interregnum to convert the Buildings into Barracks. . . .

Your most Hum^{bl}. Serv^t.

BENJ^a. GALE.

Rev^d. Sr.

Killingworth 2 Jan^y 1767.

I receiv^d. [your] fav^r. of y^e. 4th. & 12 of Dec^r. in which you informd me of what you saw in y^e Magazine of July last since which M^r. Chew has sent me y^e. Gentleman's Magazine of last August in which the same paragraph¹ is inserted, which gives me great Concern. . . . My N. Light Friends would be glad to improve it to my disadvantage, unless I have reconcil'd them by

¹ Referring in an extravagant way to the author's practice of inoculation for the small-pox.

our gentle Visitation of Yale College, in which we touch'd them so gently, that till some time after y^e. Assembly, they never saw they were taken in, that we had made our selves Visitors, & subjected them to an Annual Visitation, even good Father Ruggles suppos'd the Mountain had bro't forth a Mouse, untill Bro^r. Hart illuminated his Mind, which when he saw was much pleas'd—a very considerable share of which policy, y^r. Hum^{le}. Serv^t. claims as his own, & which cost two very wakefull nights.¹

I now purpose to write D^r. Sam^u. Johnson² in London on my first Scheme,³ & if it would not be to y^r. Disadvantage to hint something of that kind to D^r. Franklin, should take it kind; the part I have taken has procur'd me the resentment of the N Light Pope,⁴ & it would be some Gratification to my Ambition as a Compensation for y^e. Curses of P. C. & Father Graham⁵ &c. . . .

Your most Sincere Friend & most Humb^l. Serv^t.

BENJ^a. GALE.

Rev^d. & Dear Sr.

Killingworth 17 April 1767.

. . . . We are so emerg'd in Politicks of the Rhode Island kind of Parliamenting, that I fear the peace & happiness of this Gov^t. is at an End unless we will submitt to be rul'd by N Lights, in whose Integrity we have not the least dependance, and who commonly judge Men, & not the Cause. . . .

After all our paper War, Squibs, Curses, Rhimes, &c I am not yet satisfied Gov^r. Fitch will be chose, however he has a large Majority on y^e. West side C——t River, even N Haven have done it. Coll. Hubbard⁶ wanted but 2 Votes of a Choice, but N Light St—— Act, & Satan hindred. Strange it is that such a Town as N. H. should be infatuated by such an Empty thing

¹ The author was one of a Committee of the last General Assembly which had recommended several provisions as conditions for aid to the College, including one that a report of the College accounts be annually submitted to the Assembly; this was thought to involve the principle of visitation, which had been hotly opposed.

² William Samuel Johnson (Yale 1744).

³ For obtaining an honorary M.D. degree in England.

⁴ President Clap.

⁵ Rev. John Graham, of Southbury, who had written several pamphlets, against Dr. Gale and in defence of Pres. Clap.

⁶ Dr. Stiles's father-in-law.

as D^a. Lyman,¹ when Coll. Hubbard, Darling, Ingersol, & a Number of others, are among the Living. . . .

Your most Cordial Friend & Hum^{bl}. Serv^t.

B. GALE.

Killingworth 15th. Oct^r. 1767.

Dear S^r.

. . . . Although I really tremble for the fate of our Nation on Acc^t. of their Luxury, Pensions, & every Method to aggrandize a few, & to render the many miserable & wretched, that I think it next to impossible they can long support the Load, & that a Revolution must inevitably ensue, not such a Revolution as the Nation was once reliev'd by, without Blood, but something more terrible may justly be expected, yet at present the panick I was under with regard to Charters is in a great measure abated, altho I make no doubt in my own mind, that if the Administration when settled should be truly Grenvilian, we shall be much prest in America, as the National Debt presses so hard they will endeavour to establish some funds from America; but to me it appears Stupidity, the Dutys laid on paper may be justly reputed a premium upon the very branch of Manufacture in this Country, & I am amazed at their Stupidity when I reflect. The resentments of this Country my friend will rise, we shall not think of Improving their Manufactures, when beside the profits to the Manufacturer & Merch^t. there will be added a Revenue to the Crown, these Charges added together will soon bring their Manufactures to a price we can afford them for our selves, where labour is at y^e price it now is at in America; but by all these things our population (by the Emigrants from the Mother Country) will be very great, unless they can perswade their poor that the American revenue the next Century will feed & cloathe them, & that therefore it will be refind policy to *Starve for the Good of their Country*. . . .

I am more concern'd for the factions of the parent State than for our own. You seem to think Imperial Wisdom will not espouse measures that will produce *Alienation or Relaxation* of Affection of the Colonies to the Parent State, I think S^r. it is allready done, & we shall forever hereafter maintain a Jealousy

¹ Daniel Lyman (Yale 1745), a Deacon in the White Haven Church.

over them. We never shall so freely take their Manufactures—and a Spirit of Œconomy rais'd by the Stamp Act will not soon be obliterated; moreover *Power* is an alluring bate be sure to little Minds, & those who dont thoroughly understand *Humane Nature*. Wisdom & a Diadem are not always Connected. The Stamp Act has laid the foundation for Americas being an Independant State; they continue to Brood the *Cocatrice's Egg* & if P——t Clap had liv'd to have made the Century Oration, he would have seen it a fiery flying Serpent, & there is nothing will avert it but a thorough pac'd Reform of Politicks—which cannot be effected while Luxury, Venality, Corruption, Places, Pensions, Atheism, &c. &c. &c. abound in the manner they do at present among the Great, & that they seem to think, all the lower Class of men were created, or fortuitously were brought into Being to support it. . . .

Your most Ob^t. Hum^l. Serv^t.

B. GALE.

Rev^d. & Dear Sr.

Killingworth 1 Aprill 1769.

I send to your Care, & to afford you some pleasure & Satisfaction, in the prosperity of your Country, some Types made by Buel our Lapidary which are ready set for an Advertisement which I request you would take some Care in transmitting seasonably to Dr. Chauncy. You will see by reading my Letter to him that the thing must not be known or hinted untill the same Advertisement appears in the Philadelphia Papers & I think for very good Reasons which you will read and consider, and as doubtless you will accompany this with a Letter of your own, I hope you will enforce. I think there are near 40 presses in America, a Sett of Types costs £300 Sterling and they do not last more than 7 or 8 Years; the saving to America will be considerable annually & he tells me he can do the Business to profit. He will want some Stock to set up. I shall strongly recommend it to the Society to do something for him & to encourage the same in other Capital Towns. I propose sending an Advertisement to N York likewise, as I will likewise to you if you request it seasonably. If any thing in that way is done for him it must be done while the thing is fresh & new. *Humane Nature* is as it is & we must treat it accordingly. If you want to have a Set of Types you must either procure him some old Types—or if you could get a pound or two of Bismuth, I think

all the Metals of which Types are composd are to be had in America, unless it be Bismuth, & I very much suspect that is likewise. However as Buel is jealous of his being intercepted by Mein¹ you will not mention Bismuths entring that Composition.

Your most Ob^t. Hum^b. Serv^t.

B. GALE.

WILLIAM GORDON

Born in England in 1728. He became an Independent minister; but in 1770 came to Massachusetts, where he continued in the ministry and heartily espoused the cause of the Colonies. Returning to England in 1785, he published in 1788 a *History of the Rise and Independence of the United States*, in 4 volumes. Modern investigation has found that the larger part of his text is taken directly from the *Annual Register*. He died in 1807.

Dear Sir

Ringwood, Hants, Feb^y. 28, 1789.

Having completed the History I had undertaken, I am now at leisure to indulge my inclination by renewing the correspondence with my friends in various parts of the United States of America, though not as yet settled; & I promise myself your answer will assist in carrying it on. I have requested Ebenezer Hazard Esq^r. to forward a set of my work to New Haven for the use of Yale College, which I hope will be kindly accepted as a token of respect. It is not any thing I can say that will recommend it, if destitute of merit; but it will be a pleasure to me to hear that it is approved of by the sensible & impartial on all sides of the Atlantic. How far the epistolary manner may meet the taste of mankind I know not; but I have studiously avoided all that egotism which is generally so offensive in that species of writing; & believe that I have never used the vowel *I* as applicable to myself. I have printed only 1250 copies; about 170 of which are bound to America; but should they arrive safe & meet with encouragement, there will be a further demand, which will lead on to a second impression, the sale at London having been, I am informed, as quick as could be expected. What the periodical papers have said of the History

¹ John Mein, a native of Scotland, who came to America with Robert Sandeman in 1764, and became a printer in Boston. He was the printer of the *Boston Chronicle*, and a thorn in the flesh of the Boston non-importation party.

I have not seen. Some will probably condemn it as leaning too much to the side of the Americans; & others pronounce it as impartial as can be thought would be produced by a modern writer. One of my friends in a private letter informed me, that one gentleman of my acquaintance said, that it had made him almost an American. But of late, & almost ever since my publication, the minds of the people have been engaged with the king's late illness.

. . . Your affectionate correspondent

Though unworthy brother

WILLIAM GORDON.

WILLIAM HART

Born in East Guilford, now Madison, Connecticut, in 1713, and graduated at Yale in 1732. He was settled over the 1st Church in Saybrook in 1736, and remained there until his death in 1784. He was one of the shrewdest and coolest-headed of the Old-Light party in Connecticut.

Say-Brook Augst. 12th. 1768.

Rev^d. Sir

Most of our Associations, I hear, have sent Delegates to the Convention; ours declined it; but perhaps will get a vote for sending, next year.—Our general Association, I think, has dishonoured it self, and all they represent, by publishing their solemn thanks to W^m. Livingston for his satyrical Letter to the B^p. of Landaff. A party spirit will always do too little one way & too much the other. We are in a strange, dangerous, unsettled disposition, meditating great changes in all respects, in America and in Brittain. I suspect things are ripening for some great revolution. I fear evil, but hope mercy will ride the storm, and glorify her self in its issue. When the 4 winds strove on y^e face of the great sea, from the violent agitation of the Waters, there came up a furious wild Beast. . . .

Your Brother and most humble Serv^t.

W^m. HART.

Say-Brook Jan^{ry} 17th 1769.

Rev^d. Sir

I embrace this Opportunity by M^r. Hubbard to write, which I should have done before, but no good Opportunity presented.—As to the Acc^{ts}. you desired, the Records of our Church are lost til my time. So I can only say in general, that M^r. Fitch was the

first minister or Pastor of the Church at Saybrook; and after some time removed with the greatest part of his Church to Norwitch, and, (as I suppose) began the Settlement of that town. Those of the Ch^h. that remained chose M^r. Tho^s. Buckingham for their Pastor. Whether they embodied anew I can't tel. *M^r. B. was ordained under the presidency of a Council of neighbouring Pastors and chh^s. But hands were laid on only by three of his Ch^h. chosen by the Ch^h. for that purpose, and the charge given by one of them (these, as I am told by our old men were not ruling Elders.)* The Council disliked it, but the Chh. insisted to have it so, so the Council yielded and sanctified the business with their consent that M^r. B. should be their Pastor; only M^r. Eliot of Guilford, as I have been told by his Son of Killingworth, was so dissatisfied that he left the Council and went off before the Service began. . . .

The Bearer will inform you in how ungentlemanly a Manner M^r. Whittelsey was treated at the time of M^r. Edwards ordination.¹ Whence is it that bastard, bigotted Zeal is always such an unmanly Clown? I am Rev^d. Sir your humble Serv^t.

W^m. HART.

Rev^d. Sir

Say-Brook March 14th 1769.

Yours of Jan^{ry}. 25th. I have.—In answer, we have no records older than M^r. Buckinghams time. I suppose M^r. Fitch carryd his chh. records with him to Norwitch, as he did the greater part of his chh and his Dea^{cons}.: who they were I know not.

Coll. Willard, one of our oldest men, and the most knowing in these matters, informs me that he has it by tradition from his fathers, that Heu Peters (not Thomas, he never heard him spoken of as ever at Say Brook) preached at Say Brook, and one Higginson, some time before M^r. Fitch came . . .

What news have you Sir, from home relating to an American episcopate? How were Dr. Chauncys remarks on Landaff's Sermon relished by the Society? The New York Whigg and Whipper, I think, do both disserve the cause of true religion, and tend to turn people aside to vain jangling, and inflame party zeal, which is as foreign from true religion, as any other vitious passions. . . .

¹ Jonathan Edwards was ordained on January 5, 1769, as pastor of the White Haven Society in New Haven; on which occasion the pastor of the First Church, Chauncey Whittelsey, was refused any recognition.

If the Ministry continue sending and stationing their troops in our Provinces, our Country will fill up very fast; they will increase and improve our manufactures, and help to ruin their own; and their wealthy people, growing poorer, will come over by and by. If they dont alter their measures they will defeat their own designs, and in the end make America great and Brittain small. The spirit of America seems to be genuine; the more it is oppressed and frowned upon the more it rises. We have too much to loose and too just a sense of its value to surrender all at the first demand. A time of trouble we must expect. But Brittain will grow wiser, or they will be glad in the end to flee to America for Shelter. Perhaps this is all a political Dream. But I am awake when I assure you that I am, Rev^d. Sir,

Your assured friend
and most humble Servant

W^m. HART.

P. S. M^r. Mumford¹ has engaged to me to carry this free, as an expression of his catholick love. If he charges you, let me know it. But I believe he will not. If so, receive it as a token of his love to you, waving all consideration of party Distinctions. In this light we have set this small favour.—If you had heard all our discourse it would have made you smile. We agreed to consider the several sects of Christians, (not Papists, who are Apostates) in this light, viz. the father of the whole family of his grace furnishes excellent tea & loaf sugar for his whole family, leaving it to them to provide dishes. All receive their tea with praise and thanksgiving; but one company chooses to drink it out of wooden dishes, another out of peuter, another silver, another China. Shall they on this acc^t. reproach each other as aliens or bastards? He says no, by no means.

GIDEON HAWLEY

Born in what is now Bridgeport, Connecticut, in 1727, and graduated at Yale in 1749. He began his life work as a missionary to the Indians in 1752, and spent the half-century before his death in 1807 in Mashpee, Massachusetts, where he had a career of great usefulness.

¹ The post-rider.

Mashpee 22^d. Jan^{ry}. 1771.

Rev Sir,

I have no instances of longevity among the Indians equal to that of the Nipmug who visited Boston in 1723 who is said to be above 112 years old. But I have some instances of great age among my people that I use this opportunity to transmit you, through the channel of my correspondence with the rev^d. M^r. Hopkins.

The Popmunnuck family is the first in dignity here. The first of that name, which I have any account of, appeared as chief of this tribe, in the year 1648, and lived till after 1680. He left three sons, but I can give the christian names of only Simon & Caleb who both lived to a great age. Simon succeeded M^r. Richard Bourn the first missionary to the Mashpee tribe, as pastor of this church, and died about 1720, leaving three children, who were living when I came here viz Isaac, Experience & Josiah.

Isaac was many years a deacon of this church and an Indian magistrate of great reputation. He died in the year 1758, when he could not be less then Fourscore & three years old. He had but one child that survived him who died Oct^r. 1767, aged about 67, having the same year appeared as Speaker and Chief of his tribe, upon a publick occasion.

Experience, sister to Isaac died, Nov^r. 1761 when she could not be less than Eighty five.

Josiah lived till last March when he died being about fourscore & five years. After I came to this Mission he taught an Indian school in which service he continued until he was blind which was the case many years before his death.

I return to Caleb, son of the first Popmunnuck & who was many years a famous Indian magistrate. I have seen the tree where it is said delinquents were by his order bound & chastized. He lived till after 1730; and left one son, who lived about ten years after I came here. He died not far from my house in the year 1767 when he could not be less than Fourscore and ten years old. He went before I came here by the name of *Old Zephaniah*. We have now living two of the Popmunnuck family near or quite fourscore years old. My good Deacon Popmunnuck however died last October, when he was about fifty & being a very sober and virtuous man, his death is a great loss to me & my people.

I have some instances of longevity, who are not of the sachem's family, which I will give you.

In 1759 died Mercy Richards aged as was supposed about ninety years. She had a brother & sister, who both have died since at the age of about threescore & eighteen; and Deborah their sister is now living at the age of Fourscore and may live many years to come.

In 1763, died widow Pease, aged about ninety years. A few years before her death, came up a storm of snow attended with a wind which soon carried away the roof of her wigwam. The old squaw was alone covered up in her blankets and lay still. The next day one of her neighbours went to see how the old woman had weathered the storm when she found a bank of snow where she expected to find the squaw. The neighbour called and the other answered under the snow with the voice of vigor & cheerfulness. In the year 1765 died Widow Absolom aged about ninety years.

I can give only these instances of longevity among my people except it is that of old Timothy Right who is in his 86th year and whom I married in December last to a squaw under fifty. Timothy is a very sensible man; but has not been remarkable for his temperance. I heard one of his contemporaries about two years younger than Right say "that Tim. Right had drank many an Hogshead of rum." However, though he hath sometimes [been] intoxicated, he has many qualities which have made him respectable among English as well as Indians. The beginning of last month at the court of quarter sessions this same Right gave his evidence under oath to a fact said to be about fourscore years old of which he was an eyewitness.

I have had some acquaintance with the western Indians, but no instances of great age among Johnsons Mohawks or the Oneidas at Onohoquaga. Near Onohoquaga I found a village of Tuskaroras, natives of N. Carolina and among them some very old Persons. In the year 1765 I saw a sister of the famous Hendrick aged as I conjecture about 74; she may be yet living. Captⁿ. Kunkapet of Stockbridge was for many years together the oldest of his tribe.

I am, Rev Sir,

Your most humble Serv^t.

GID. HAWLEY.

SAMUEL HOPKINS

Son of the Rev. Samuel and Esther (Edwards) Hopkins, of West Springfield, Massachusetts, born 1729, and graduated at Yale in 1749. He was the minister in Hadley, Massachusetts from 1754 to his death in 1811.

Respected Sr.

Yesterday ended y^e Controversy at North Hampton, which then issued in a Separation of my Uncle¹ and his People, which Event (tho' we have been for some Time ready to say y^t. y^e. Controversy must to all appearance end finally in a Separation), yet now when it is no longer a Matter of Surmise, and uncertainty, but become matter of Fact, is, I confess, surprising to me; for tho' y^e great Alienation between him and his People, and each so strenuous as not to be brought to make any Concession, and to this added y^e Warmth and Acidity of Spirit which was very apparent among them; tho' these Things I say, when reflected upon, would extort from us these Words: y^t. it must to all Appearance unavoidably end in a Separation, yet I always had a secret Hope, and Expectation, y^t. y^e Matter might and would be by some Means or other accommodated. But since y^e. Effect is as abovesd. I conclude y^t. it will be agreeable to you to hear how y^e. Council found Matters at their Session. I shall therefore write you some Account of it as I heard it from M^r. Raynolds and M^r. Brick, who were of y^e Council; but as they were but a few Ministers in our House so it is but very brief.

y^e. Council found Things extremely difficult, and got to a great Length, they, in order to accommodate y^e. Matter, did propose whether or no if Uncle could be perswaded to act in y^e. Reception of Members according to their Principle, and in the old Method, they would then rest easy.

But Uncle, to save y^e. Council Expence of Time in indeavouring to reconcile them after y^t. Manner, told them y^t. as he look'd upon it to be y^e. Duty of none, but only such as were visibly truly gracious Persons to enter into full Communion, so he could not be active in y^e. Reception of any others. And y^e church on y^e. other hand said y^t. if he should consent to act in y^e. Reception of Members as was propos'd, yet y^t. would not in y^e. least satisfie

¹Jonathan Edwards (Yale 1720) was dismissed from his pastorate in Northampton, on June 22, 1750.

them, except he should alter his Sentiments; for as they look'd upon it all Persons of Sober Life, Competant Knowledge, &c. had a Right to enter into full Communion and y^t. it was their Duty, so they could not rest under one who would not inculcate y^e. Duty upon y^e. young, and perswade them to a Compliance with it; but would always be moulding them into his own Sentiments, which they look'd upon as erroneous and could not bear to have theirs led into. So y^t. all Hopes of an Accommodation were at an End. But after Deliberation, and finding no Way to reconcile them, y^e Gentlemen of y^e Council who were made Choice of by y^e Church were for proceeding to a Separation. But those of Uncles Choice were not for proceeding to a Separation, but for having y^e Matter rest a little, to see if they would not appear some Way in which they might be reconcil'd when y^e. People had weigh'd y^e. Matter more deliberately; and enter'd a Protest against it, all except M^r. Raynolds who stood nuter; but as to putting y^e. matter off y^e other Gentlemen of y^e neighbouring Towns, who best knew y^e. state of y^e. Affare, said; y^t. putting of it off would do no Good at all, but rather exasperate y^e. People than any Thing els, and therefore, as there was no Prospect of y^e Matters being mended by Delay, they were for proceeding to a Dismission.

But however, some of y^e Council went to y^e Church to see if they wo'd consent to a Procrastination of y^e Affare, and y^t. y^e. Council should appoint a Committee to dismiss M^r. Edwards after a certain Term of Time, in case y^e. affare should not appear less difficult than at Present; but they would hear nothing to it, but even those of Uncles Party said, y^t. if there must be a Separation they chose it now; and y^e. Council accordingly proceeded to a Dismission Yesterday; y^e Gentlemen of Uncles Choice except M^r. Ray: protesting against its being done at present.

And to let you know something of y^e. Frame of mind y^t. y^e. People were in, M^r. Brick said y^t. as they were putting y^e Thing to a Vote in y^e. Ch: whether they desir'd y^t. y^e. Council should proceed to a Dismission, he look'd upon ye People, and was just turning it in his Thoughts: this People are a going to lift up their Hands with a great deal of Reluctancy, but he scarce had fram'd y^e Idea of y^e slow and reluctant Motion of their Hands in his own Mind, when it was succeeded by quite y^e. contrary, for,

to his Surprise, their Arms flew as if they went with Springs; which plainly shew their former Love to be waxen cold, for they did their Part with a good Will.

Thus S^r. you have y^e. Substance of what I've as yet been acquainted with since y^e Council sat, from your sincere Friend and humble Servant,

SAM^l. HOPKINS.

Springfield, June y^e. 23, 1750.

P. S. I am very much amiss with a bad Cold and poorly able to write, which must be my Excuse for my incorrectness; and so I, desiring you to report y^e Contence rather than expose y^e Letter, and remembering my proper Regards to all at College and in New-haven, remain yours,

S. H.

JOHN HOTCHKISS

Born in New Haven in 1731, and graduated at Yale in 1748. He was for some years engaged in business as a printer and publisher in New Haven. He was killed by the British in their invasion of the town in 1779.

New Haven Sep 18 1769.

Rev^d. & Dear Sir

herewith p^r. favour of Rev^d. Mr Hopkins have forwarded a few of our Commencement Ware which please to send as p^r. the Directions on each parcell. I presume they will be an agreeable Amusement especially as the Most of your Gentlemen of Note & Distinction seemed to take such Notice of your infant College & Commencement a few days since. My family, yours & your Lady's Relations are in health. The Sickness in this Town is much abated. Mr Williams of East Hartford is chosen a fellow of College Vice his Father resigned. Mr Jos. Howe is chosen Tutor vice Mr Mitchel Married.

Yesterday our uneasy Neighbours of White Haven kept Worship by themselves in the Court House. No Minister would countenance them so as to preach. Mr. Sam^l. Horton was PrayMaster General & Mr Enos Tuttle his Lieutenant; am told 100 persons in the whole, mostly Boys & vain curious people attended in the forenoon, about 60 persons in the afternoon.

Tis supposed Mr Bird will give Milford the Negative on this Day and then head the Discontented Party at New Haven. Quod Deus avertat!

In the utmost haste am Rev^d. & dear Sir

Your old friend & most humble Servant

JOHN HOTCHKISS.

P. S. . . Am this Moment credibly told that not more than 50 or 60 attended the Court house Meeting in the forenoon yesterday.

JOHN HUBBARD

Born in Jamaica, Long Island, in 1703. He settled in New Haven as a practicing physician, being also Colonel in the militia, and Judge of the Probate Court, and died in 1773. He received the honorary degree of M.A. at Yale in 1730, and was much addicted to poetical composition.

Colonel Hubbard's daughter Elizabeth was married to Dr. Stiles on February 10, 1757.

N Haven 15 March 1757.

Dear Sir,

Your kind Father has favoured me with an Epithalamium, which he intitules *The good Wish of a Father on the Prospect of his Son's Marriage being nigh at Hand, inscribed to the Father of the Bride*. He has done us too much Honour in it: I should be very desirous to send you a Copy, but he has enjoyned me Secresie under the Penalty of Disobliging him. Indeed there is three or four Lines that I should not be willing my Daughter should see. I have advised him to suppress them and make a few Alterations & give Liberty of shewing it, at least to Friends. The Epilogue, however, I venture to send you, viz.

A merry wedding to you all
Solace divine may it afford
When viands sweet are your repast
Let loud hosannas crown y^e. board.

Let Jesus deign to be a guest
Of heavenly nectar the true vine
His gracious presence will convert
The water into richest wine.

Brigades angelic be our guard
 These round the good are wont t' incamp
 Nor do these spirits ministrant
 Disdain to trim the bridal lamp.

Sing spousals these who olim sang
 For joy at y^e. creation's birth
 Redemption likewise sung, goodwill
 And peace proclaimed to men on earth.

I have advised him to relieve a melancholy Hour now & then by Sporting with the Muses. I fancy it might cure him of a Fit of the Miff, I think you call it. He has sent to me for *Paradise Lost* and I am in great Hopes he will soon emerge. Last Evening I subscribed to an Answer to the President's Leviathan,¹ as soon as it's out will send you a Copy. We have a Story here that you disoblged the Episcopalians of *Newport* by a 30th. of January Sermon, and that you are like to be trounc'd for it as their Phrase is. I hope the Matter is much magnified. Please to let me know the Event. I suppose by this you have got to Housekeeping. I fancy a Journal of the first Week or two would be very entertaining. My Spouse joyns in hearty good Wishes for your Happiness, and was much pleased with your Conduct whilst here. I am Dear Sir, with affectionate

Esteem, your Friend & Father

JN^o. HUBBARD.

New Haven 25 July 1757.

Dear Sir,

It greatly rejoyces my Heart to hear that my Daughter is so acceptable to your People, as I presume it will render your Life more easy and comfortable, and conduce much to your mutual Happiness. I thank you for y^e. Sermon, and am better acquainted with K. Charles than ever I was before, and were I to take my Idea of a Martyr from Him should have as mean an Opinion of them as I have of some of the Clergy. Our Congregation² is under miserable Circumstances. Your Father, to whom I am this minute sending to inform y^t. the Vessel will sail to morrow, for he intends you a Visit with my Children, will be able to inform of our State.

¹ *Remarks on Mr. President Clap's History and Vindication of the Doctrines, &c., of the New-England Churches*, by Thomas Darling.

² That of the First Church, New Haven, of which Joseph Noyes (Yale 1709) was pastor.

The Corporation have formally cited M^r. Noyes to answer for a Suspicion of Heresy. Particulars, the Trinity, Deity and Satisfaction of Christ, and Original Sin and the important Doctrines thereon depending. M^r. Noyes, at present, seems determind to resign, and not stand the Brunt. I think his Friends here, to a Man, dislike his Resolution, pray your Opinion upon it. It is said M^r. President himself is answering M^r. Darling.¹ Every Body does not like our new College Church. If you had opportunity to learn M^r. President Holyoke's Opinion and other Gentlemen's, of Repute in the Massachusetts and your Colony relating to the Measures taken by the President & Corporation, be so good as to inform, and whether, if we should be reduced to a State of Beggary, we may have any Dependence on the Charity, of any Gentlemen there. Pray send me Fordice's Art of Preaching. I will be very careful of it. I hope to get it reprinted here. I cannot learn that there is any Copy in Connecticut.

I am, Dear Sir, with the most affectionate Goodwill

y^r. Father, &c.

JOHN HUBBARD.

Rev^d. & Dear Sir,

New Haven 22 Jan. 1759.

As I have no entertaining News, perhaps the following Hymn, as it was occasioned by our People's carrying your worthy and Rev^d. Friend M^r. Whittelsey about 30 Loads of Wood, and your Prejudice in Favour of the Composer, may be agreeable.

A WOOD-CARTING HYMN,

to be sung annually at the Fireside of the Rev^d. M^r.
Chauncey Whittelsey, by the Carters.

How bright! how warm! the rising flame,
Whilst *we* supply the fire?
But brighter, warmer *his* discourse,
Which zeal and love inspire.
We'll pile the fuel on the hearth,
And share the genial rite:
Adore the God who learnt us love,
And show'd us heav'nly light.
Our souls, ascend the rising flames,
The sacrifice be praise:
No smoak obstruct the hallow'd fire,
Nor taint the sacred blaze,

¹ See note to the preceding letter. Clap's answer never appeared.

Till like the firmament *we* shine,
 And he a glorious sun.
Jesus revolve the seasons round.
 This mortal fire has done.

Warrants are issued to call our Assembly to meet next month. Mr. President has explained the Mystery of the Trinity to his Pupils by a very easy and familiar Simile, which no Athenasian Divine ought to be ignorant of. The *Three* Plications of any foldable Stuff that willn't crack (suppose the Fold of your black Coat) when unfolded and extended make *One* straight Line [] Superficies, when they hang dangling, as Fashion []olds them, *Three*, or three Hundred. Hear O Heavens, and give Ear O Earth!

I am, Dear Sir, your affectionate Friend & Father

JN^o. HUBBARD.

N. Haven 23 July 1762.

Rev^d. and dear Sir,

I am informed by Mr. Hart, who was at Mr. Clap's private Commencement, y^t. you wrote a very smart and judicious Letter to Mr. Eliot on the subject. Mr. Hart told me he desired Mr. Eliot to read it to the Corporation; I wish he has done it. Nothing looked to me more mean than to see a Number of Gentlemen of good Sense so tamely noosed by the President, their Country all the while cursing them for interrupting the Joys of Harvest. The great Improvement of the College in Mr. Edwards' Metaphysicks you will learn by the Theses. It is said some young Gentlemen, viz. Mr. Woodhull, Mr. Chandler the Tutor are much carried away with Sandermine. / Mr. Orator Huntington, the Bachelor, made very handsome mention of Mr. Noyes; and did me the Honor, in his Encomium on Gov^r. Fitch, to repeat some Part of my Character of him in the Poem on Judge Woolcot. Your Remarks on the included Epitaph I should be glad you would send me by the first Opportunity.

I just receiv'd Daughter's Letter, but fear I shan't have Time to answer it. Our Love to all.

With the most affectionate Respect

Your Father in Law

JOHN HUBBARD.

N Haven 16 April 1764.

Reverend & Dear Sir,

Last Saturday, being at Court, about noon we were surprised with a very melancholly Story about College; 82 of the Students were seized with violent Vomitings, great Thirst, Weakness in the Extremities and some with Spasms, and other Symptoms of Poison. By the Use of Emetics, Oleaginous and mucilaginous Draughts, they are recovered, saving that some are yet weak in their joynts and affected in their Eyes. The Physicians conjecture it to be Arsenic, mixed with the Cake, on which they all Breakfasted. The French People¹ are very generally suspected. There has been as yet no Enquiry by the Civil Authority, hoping Something may transpire that may be taken hold of.

I condole with you on the Death of your generous Benefactor Gov^r. Ellery. May a kind Providence raise you up Others; without a Competency I imagine the most generous Minds are cramped; and more diverts our Attention to what is not worth it. The D^m Wife² is very ill of an Erasipelatous Fever, and the Symptoms are somewhat threatening; the rest in usual Health. My Spouse joyns in Respect & Love to you, Daughter and the Children. Perhaps my next may be Dated from Hartford.³

Y^r. affectionat & respectful FatherJN^o. HUBBARD.

Hartford 23 May 1764.

Rev^d. & Dear Sir,

Our Assembly have passed a Resolve to make the best Defence they can in Parliament against a Stamp Duty or any other internal Tax &c. Arguments are to be collected by a Com^{tee}. for that Purpose appointed, which are to be digested, reduced into Form &c. by the Go^r. Judge Silliman and the Secretary, printed; part to be sent to the Agent and the Rest to be dispersed in the Colony. It is my unlucky Lott, notwithstanding all my Remonstrances, to be one of this Com^{tee}.: and tho' I could not make our House

¹ The French Neutrals or Acadians, many of whom were in New Haven. The charge of attempting to poison those among whom they dwelt was made in a number of instances, but always unjustly. See also Dexter's *Yale Biographies*, iii, 57-58.

² Wife of the writer's son, Dr. Leverett Hubbard, of New Haven.

³ The writer was a member of the General Assembly.

sensible of my unfitness for such a Task, I hope I shall succeed better with my intimate Friends who know that my Talent don't lye that Way, and that they will assist me all they can, to do some Service to our Countrey and to save my Reputation. I must therefore intreat you to devote some of your Leisure Hours to this important Subject, and send me what you can collect and suggest. If your Colony should engage in a Scheme similar, I apprehend it will be no Disadvantage to the Common Cause to have the same Arguments used by all the Governments concern'd. We have had a notable Cause between M^r. Burnham & the Buckinghams on our intestate Law, determined this Session, in Favour of the former contrary to the universal Practice of our Probate Courts and the Opinion of our Superior Court, which, I fear, will be attended with the most destructive Consequences; and is one among many other of the unhappy Effects of party Zeal. M^r. Banister is just a going to ride, and I may not add. My Love to you all. I am, dear Sir, with most affectionate Respect

Yours

JOHN HUBBARD.

N. Haven 2 Jan. 1766.

Rev^d. and Dear Sir,

Before your Letter informed how you came by your Garters,¹ I was alternily agitated by the opposite Passions of Joy and Grief, but now the latter is intirely absorbed, and I heartily congratulate you, and think you may not only gracefully wear them, but show them too. By this you will know y^t. I have seen yours to M^r. Whittelsey, who I suppose has complimented you before now on your unexpected Honour. He seems perfectly well pleased that it has fallen upon you, and all his Friends ardently wish that some Person equally judicious and benevolent as D^r. Franklin would procure the distinguishing Boon for him. But our Circumstances are too melancholly at present to indulge the Hope. The Stamp Act has drawn a gloom over every Face, and sowered the Temper of not a few, and all that don't run the extravagant Length of a giddy and distracted Mob are looked upon as Enemies to their Countrey and Betrayers of its Liberties. Among other fine Devices to set People together by the ears a Man's religious Principles are

¹ Dr. Stiles received the degree of Doctor of Divinity from the University of Edinburgh in 1765.

made the Test or shall I rather say badge of his political Creed. An Arminian, and a Favourer of the Stamp Act signify the same Man; think then in what a Situation some of your Friends are. I suppose you have a particular Account of the Conduct of the respectable Populace in our Counties of New London and Windham. I am abundantly convinced by a Piece (I forget the Title printed first in Virginia, reprinted by M^r. Holt) said to be wrote by one M^r. Delane¹ that the Stamp Act is unconstitutional, hard, oppressive and cruel, and that we ought to use every prudent Method to obtain a Repeal of it, and in my Opinion that Gentleman has done more towards it than any body or every body that I know of. Every man of Reflexion must feel the Force of his Reasoning, but I don't therefore imagine that such men as he characterizes M^r. Grenville to be (if he means him) will be influenced by Argument if they have Power on their Side, but I guess the Nation will by Interest, and it appears to me that M^r. Delane has made it more than probable that it is not for their Interest to enforce it. I have touched upon that in the Poem, if it deserve that Name, that I herewith send you, and I own I have so much Vanity as to be pleased when I find my Opinion coincident with a Gentleman of so much good Sense and Knowledge as he seems to me to be. I am glad you suffered no more in your Return. Tho' Weather was good I was anxious for you. We are generally well except myself. I am much afflicted with the Rhumatism. My Spouse joyns in hearty Respect to you and Love to Daughter & Children.

Your affectionate Father in Law and hearty Friend

JN^o. HUBBARD.

N Haven 21 Sep^r. 1766.

Rev^d. & Dear Sir,

The Revolution at College,² I suppose you have heard of: It is generally said that M^r. Lockwood will accept of the Presidency if his People can be persuaded to release him. M^r. Clap is reckoned by many a Martyr, and will doubtless be canonized. He has his Creatures about who are very extravagant in his Praises.

¹ *Considerations on the Propriety of Imposing Taxes on the British Colonies*, by Daniel Dulany, of Maryland.

² At Commencement, on Sept. 10, President Clap, of Yale, laid down his office.

It is thought by some that he will come into the Nomination.¹ M^r. Fitch Sheriff, thinks he would make an excellent Counsellour. He must certainly have a good Deal of Address, tho of a clumsy sort, to infatuate so great a part of Mankind. It is said that our Lower House is much changed, whether for the better I don't hear. At New Haven, we continue faithful to New-Light. I have heard M^r. Sanderline preach. I was much disappointed. I had heard many foolish things about him, y^t. he was a weak man, and could not be the Author of the Book y^t. goes under his Name; but this is mere Zeal or something worse. He is a very artful Man, and if I mistake not, the ablest Instrument, the Father of Error was ever permitted to send amongst us. But the Foundation of God standeth sure.—We are something better yⁿ. when I wrote last; my Wife &c joyn with me in Respect to you & Love to Daughter & the Children. I am yours

JN^o. HUBBARD.

Rev^d. and Dear Sir,

N Haven 29th. March 1767.

I envy you nothing more than your happy Talent of Writing Letters, tho' I could wish that the Subject of your last to M^r. Whittelsey,² had been worthier of your masterly Pen. I have so many Shades in my own Character that it ill becomes me to take notice of those in other men's, yet I can't help saying that if the Idea of Christianity was to be collected from the Example of your Hero it might well be called the Art of Turning the World Upside Down. I could heartily wish that your ingenious Letter was published (I don't mean for his Sake but your own) had that Gentleman never exposed himself from the Press. The great Reading, the noble Charity, and Candor, the sincere Gratitude and Respect, the honest Confession, the judicious Remarks and the wise Reflections charm and amaze me. But I have often been mad with Pope for throwing away so much fine Poetry and good Sense on the silly Subject of the Rape of the Lock—Pardon me, Dear Sir, and excuse my Freedom and Blots, for I am

With the most affectionate Respect

Yours

JN^o. HUBBARD.

¹ For the office of Assistant in the Governor's Council.

² To the Rev. Chauncey Whittelsey, of New Haven, on the death of President Thomas Clap, whom Colonel Hubbard disliked.

N Haven 21 Nov^r. 1768.

Rev^d. & dear Sir,

I make no doubt but it must be very pleasing to you to hear that the late excellent M^{dm}. Noyes¹ has bequeathed to our Society a tract of Land containing 330 Acres in Farmington, said to be good Land, for the use of a School, for the education of poor children of the Parish in Reading, Writing and Arithmetick; subject to the direction of the Visitors who are the Minister, Deacons and Civil Authority living in the Parish. I wish that other charitably disposed persons may imitate her example, and improve upon her Plan, which I intend to publish in our Newspaper. I think M^r. Whittelsey has hardly done her Justice in his funeral Sermon, which I have been so free as to intimate to him, & which if it should be published, will be taken Notice of by him. Some of his remarks were natural and very striking. Her son, tottering himself with bodily Weakness, leading his aged Mother to her Pew, is touched in a most agreeable manner, and other Instances, delicate enough, and very affecting.

. . I am most affectionat yours

JN^o. HUBBARD.

LEVERETT HUBBARD

Eldest son of John Hubbard (see p. 504), born 1725, and graduated at Yale in 1744. He was a physician in New Haven, dying in 1794.

Dear S^r.

I rejoice that any body had good weather to breath in I understand you had. We had stormy, but a good helmsman. The Governor desired his Council to give him the Oath,² a long debate ensued, finally the Gentlemen on the East side the River refus^d. and withdrew. Esq^r. Shelden twisted & nestled about but finally staid in the Council Chamber: the Oath was administered by Esq^r. Silliman, Hamblin, Chester & Hall. While the debate was Esq^r. Ingersol receiv^d. a Letter from G^{ov}. Colden desiring him to take care of the Stamps which he had receiv^d. M^r. Ingersol thought

¹Widow of the pastor of the 1st Church, New Haven, Joseph Noyes (Yale 1709).

²By the provisions of the recent Stamp Act, each Colonial Governor was required to take an oath, guaranteeing the faithful observance of the Act.

proper to inform the Assembly. But they finding out that s^d. Ingersol was coming shut the dore. The east side of the upper House run away which made M^r. Ingersol Laugh very Hartily. The first day of November a large number of the lower sort of people—Cap^t. Woolcott at the head—made a Coffin about 2 feet long, put in the Stamp act, bury^d. it, the Kings Colours Flying over the Grave. We hear from Hartford that they not only bury^d. the Stamp act but the Go^v. also. The Assembly had a long debate wheather they should send an Agent home but finally negativ^d. M^r. Woodhull¹ has converted six or seaven Schollars, he with them are going to Danbury to join M^r. White. The court of Probate set last M^onday but nothing done, all in confusion.

I am in hast, we are all well. I am now agoing to ride out a little for my health. Compliments to all Friends.

From your affectionate Brother

LEV^{tt}. HUBBARD.

N. Haven, Novm^b. 6, 1765.

STEPHEN WHITEHEAD HUBBARD

Son of Dr. Leverett Hubbard (see p. 512), born 1747, and graduated at Yale in 1766, having been prepared for college by Dr. Stiles, his aunt's husband. He died in New Haven in September, 1771.

New Haven, Feb. 27, 1770.

Hon^d. Sir

It is a long time since I have heard from Uncle. I am sorry that Uncle & family has been so long silent; I have wrote three times & not an answer, twice to Aunt & once to Uncle, but hoping I shall hear by the Bearer M^r. Osborn.

Sir, as to News, nothing in particular. Religion flourishes here if we judge by the publick meeting-houses. They have the timber allready brought to the spot for one—the bigness equal to M^r. Whittelsey's; its Situation is North of our Meeting House, nigh to the town School-house.² Likewise the Church-people has got

¹ Richard Woodhull (Yale 1752) had recently been obliged to resign his College tutorship on account of becoming a Sandemanian.

² The new meeting-house was built by the Fair Haven Society, a recent secession from the White Haven Society, on the ground now occupied by the United Church.

- the timber for a Steple at their house of worship.¹ Our College is at perfect peice, & I trust will flourish again; their is 37 *Recens* this year, last but 22, & we talk of an other College, about one penny & half on the Pound will do, which I hope will be done soon. Sir I am in hast & beg to conclude, hope these will find Uncle & family well, from

Your Dutifull Nephew & pupil

STEPHEN WHITEHEAD HUBBARD.

P. S. I am very sorry for M^r. Osborn's particular Journey. Sir we have heard a strange rumour, that Uncle has changed the Religion he taught me. I should be extremely glad to know; (it is in favour of the Hopkintonians as I am informd,) please Sir excuse my asking, as I am desired to ask.

DAVID HUMPHREYS

Born in what is now Ansonia, Connecticut, in 1752, and graduated at Yale in 1771. After a distinguished career in the Revolution, General Humphreys was appointed Minister to Portugal in February, 1791, and was transferred from this post to that of Minister to Spain in 1796. He returned to America in 1801, and died in New Haven in 1818.

Lisbon Feb^{ry} 14th. 1792.

Dear Sir,

I received with much satisfaction the letter you did me the honor to address to me on the 2nd. of Dec^r. and should have been happy to answer it by this opportunity with such precision as would have accomplished your wishes. But extraordinary avocations occasioned by the late illness & present mental derangement of the Queen of Portugal, have rendered it impossible for me to enter into any detail on a subject so interesting to the rising generation & general prosperity of our Country. For some time past, the Diplomatic Corps have attended at the Palace every day to enquire concerning the Queen's health. I fear there is but little prospect of her recovery. She is very much & very deservedly beloved by the People of this Kingdom. Her malady seems to be the result

¹ On the east side of Church Street, south of Chapel.

of a relaxation of the nervous system & religious melancholy. Yesterday official notice was given to the foreign Ministers, that His Royal Highness the Prince of Brazil has, during the continuance of the incapacity of the Queen, assumed the Regency. I must therefore content myself with this apology, & the communication of the following general observations on the education of the Youth in Portugal for the present.

The University of Evora has been long since abolished. That of Coïmbra has taken a new & better œconomy since the time of the late Marquis of Pombal. That Minister, notwithstanding he has been in some instances justly blamed for severity & in others maliciously calumniated for reforming abuses, rendered essential services to the Kingdom. The good effects of his plans begin to be clearly perceived in their influence on the generation now coming on the stage of human action. He encouraged literature, as well as useful Arts; he caused an improved System of Education in some respects to be adopted; he induced learned men to come from different parts of Europe to be Professors in the University; he deprived the Inquisition of the examination & censure of Books; and he instituted one or two new Colleges, besides a great number of common Schools throughout the Kingdom. He depressed the higher, & elevated the lower classes of People. To use a significant expression, he put one foot on the neck of the Nobility, & the other on that of the Clergy. He attempted, & effected to a certain degree a change of circumstances. But, it will readily occur, the circumstances of the old Countries in Europe are so different from those in our new one, that many things which might be useful in the former can be of little avail in the latter. Originally, and even until the time of the Marquis of Pombal, the mode of Education in Portugal was truly monkish. It is undoubtedly much ameliorated, as is the condition of the Country in general. But I apprehend we shall find few things in the system particularly applicable to our stage of society & political situation. On a future occasion I expect to be able to send you the new Statutes of the University of Coïmbra, together with an account of the books read & course of studies pursued in it, application for which has already been made to the Rector. Had it not been for the Queen's illness, I contemplated to have made a visit to Coïmbra about this time.

However from what I have been able to learn from pretty good authority, the Education here by private tuition is more useful & complete, than that of a public nature.

The Royal Academy (instituted a few years since under the patronage of the Queen & the Presidency of the Duke de Alafoëns, Her Uncle & the Commander in Chief of the Army) is usefully employed in disseminating knowledge on œconomics, and in publishing many old Manuscripts & Documents serving to illustrate the History of the Country. The Duke is a liberal, well-informed, excellent man, & very much the friend of the U. S. I am personally indebted to him for uncommon attentions & civilities. The Abbe Correâ, the Secretary of the Academy & the intimate friend of the Duke, is an Enthusiast in favour of American Literature, liberty & happiness. He is my very good & sincere friend. In wishing all manner of prosperity to yourself & the Institution under your auspices, I have the honor to be, D^r. Sir

Your most obed^t. & very h^{ble}. Servant

D. HUMPHREYS.

THOMAS HUTCHINSON

Born in Boston in 1711, and graduated at Harvard in 1727. After a long career in the service of the Province, he was appointed Lieutenant Governor in 1756, and Chief Justice in 1760. In August, 1765, his house was sacked by a mob on account of his unpopularity as the mouthpiece of the Government which had imposed the Stamp Act. He was Governor from 1770 to 1774, and then went into exile in England, where he died in 1780.

Rev^d. Sir

Boston 15 Feb. 1764.

My good friend M^r. Chesebrough mentioned to me sometime ago that you was employing some part of your time in a History of the Country, but whether it was a general history of the Colonies or of any one in particular & whether your plan was large & circumstantial or compendious & more general he did not acquaint me.¹ I have spent some time in a work of this nature which I have now ready for the press, but it is very much confined to the

¹ Dr. Stiles made large collections for an Ecclesiastical History of New England, but never arrived at publication.

Massachusetts bay, the other colonies which sprang from it I have touched upon to shew their rise & have there left them except when their affairs were connected with those of the Massachusets. I have at first been more minute in the characters & other circumstances relative to our first settlers, but afterwards have confined my self pretty much to our political history, having for some years past been collecting what materials I could for this purpose. I have come down no lower than 1692, the time of our settlement under our present charter. I have a chapter upon the ecclesiastical constitution of the colony, another upon the system of laws, and conclude with an account of the natives and the condition they were in & their customs & manners when the English first arrived. I have endeavoured for as much new matter as I could from manuscripts & such authors as are quite forgot to render a work so little interesting as this must be from the nature of it, as entertaining as possible. {The whole including several original letters & other manuscripts will make a volume of near 500 pages in quarto. How far it will interfere with your design you will be able to judge. If I had known that a gentleman of your talents was engaged in a work of this nature I should not have thought there would have been occasion for my employing my self in the same way. My materials would have been better improved in your hands than in my own. I intended to have published the work here, but as there is some probability of my going to England in a few months I shall suspend the publication until that matter is determined. I am with very great esteem &c

S^r. your most obedient servant

THO^s. HUTCHINSON.

Boston 4 July 1764.

Reverend Sir

Your obliging letter of 7 May I did not receive until yesterday. It happened to find me at leisure which I do not expect to last long and therefore embrace the first opportunity of answering it. I am sorry you have conceived so favorable an opinion of my performance. I remember the old line, *Magnus mihi paratus est adversarius expectatio*. I shall certainly disappoint you in every thing but the historical facts, many of which I fancy will be new to you & yet you will think ought to be preserved. I have let

the manuscript rest for 4 or 5 months expecting an answer to my request for leave to go to England where I intended to have printed it, but I cannot yet obtain an answer & am in doubt what it will be when it comes. I have therefore laid aside the thoughts of my voyage, if our Assembly should be disposed to renew their request to me, and shall begin to think of printing it here.

Among other original papers which I had laid by to print at large at the end of my history is the trial of my Ancestress.¹ Its a curious piece & I would not destroy it for ten guineas but I doubt whether it is not too minute to be received favorably by the world in general. I take the liberty to send it to you by my nephew. If you advise to it I will print it; if you should think it best not to print it, I am sure it will please you to read it. The original is so defaced that it cost me some pains to copy it. When you have convenient opportunity please to return it to me.

✧ If God spare my life I think I shall put together other materials I have collected and when I set about it will ask the favour of any you are possessed of, but I have had too great a share my self in our publick affairs for 30 years past to think of publishing that part of our History. I threaten M^r. Otis sometimes that I will be revenged of him after I am dead.²

I am

Your very humble servant

THO HUTCHINSON.

Boston 15 Jan^y 1764.²

Rev^d. Sir

¹ I am very much obliged to you for your favorable opinion of my book, and more so for your observations upon it. The same remark has been made by others, which you make, of many things being brought into the notes which might better have come into the body of the page and I am satisfied it is just. I am ashamed to give you the reason of this fault, but really it was to save me

¹ This is, presumably, the account of the Examination of Mrs. Anne Hutchinson at the court at Newtown, in November, 1637, which was printed by Governor Hutchinson in the Appendix to vol. 2 of his History. A Report of her Trial before the Church in Boston, March, 1638, was obtained some years after this by Dr. Stiles, and was printed in the *Proceedings* of the Massachusetts Historical Society, 2d Series, vol. 4 (1888).

² Error for 1765.

trouble finding it easier to insert things which occurred to me, after I had passed the time they related to, in this way, than by altering the page.^f I had, from the beginning, determined to have large notes, something in the same manner as M^r. Harris has in his life of Cromwell &c., but I carried it too far. → Indeed I wonder more fault is not found with the whole performance. I think, from my beginning the work until I had compleated it, which was about twelve months, I never had time to write two sheets at a sitting without avocations by publick business, but was forced to steal a little time in the morning and evening, while I was in town, and then leave it for weeks together, so that I found it difficult to keep any plan in my mind. I have an aversion to transcribing and except the three or four first sheets and now & then a page in which I had made some mistake the rest of the work is rough as I first wrote it. . . .

I have no talent at painting, or describing characters. I am sensible it requires great delicacy. My safest way was to avoid them and let facts speak for themselves. I was astonished after reading Robertson's History of Scotland and having settled Mary Stewarts character in my own mind as one of the most infamous in history to find him drawing her with scarce a blemish.

I hope you will be so good when you have gone through as to point out to me any errors. M^r. Condry to whom I gave the copy finding the book was in demand here ordered immediately a large impression in England. I am sorry for it because I had not opportunity enough to make several amendments I should have chose to have made. Care is taken of the typographical errors which are numerous as also some inaccuracies.

I did not enough consider the present taste for anecdotes. I could have enlarged the volume or made it large enough for two. ←

I am with esteem

Your very humble servant

THO HUTCHINSON.

Boston 6 June 1765.

Sir

I am obliged to you for your letter by M^r. Ellery, and for your remarks upon my history. You doubt whether the seizure of S^r. E. Andros was rash *considering the certain news of the revolu-*

tion in England. I fancy you have overlooked the reason I give for my pronouncing it rash viz. because they had no certain news; and it appears by a multitude of papers that they were in terror sometime after lest the Prince should not be supported, but forced to quit his design.

In going through the many letters & other manuscripts I had occasion to make use of when I was writing the chapter upon laws, I saw cause to abate from the high opinion I had conceived of the legislators. They discover I think a weak attachment to Moses's plan; I mean when they were considering a plan, which was not perfected until near 20 years after they came over, during which time the greatest part of the laws were established one after another, *pro re nata*, and then, collected together, made up their code.

As to Whaley, my friend is certainly mistaken.¹ I will inclose to you one of Goffe's letters to his wife in 1674 where he gives a particular account of Whaley's condition and in one of his next letters speaks of his friend *now with God* &c. I send you the letter the rather because the other parts of it will entertain you. It is Goffe's own hand, he calls his wife his mother, his children his brothers & sisters which will be enough of the key to make the letter intelligible. I have said that I could find nothing of Goffe after 1679. There is only a tradition that he & Whaley were buried at Hadley. Therefore think it very possible that Goffe might be the person supposed to be Whaley. I hope before long to see my old friend M^r. Willett & to converse with him upon this & other subjects; if I should be prevented I will write to him upon it. If ever I go to Naraganset, I should not think much of riding a few miles to see the old woman you mention.

When you have convenient opportunity please to send me back Goffe's letter. When you see M^r. Chesebrough pray make my compliments to him.

I am with much esteem

S^r. Your most humble servant

THO^s. HUTCHINSON.

¹ Dr. Stiles had written Governor Hutchinson that Colonel Francis Willett, of Narraganset, believed that the regicide Whalley removed from Hadley to Virginia, but later returned to New England, and lived among the Narraganset Indians.

The following reply to the foregoing letter, marked, however, as "not sent," is found among Dr. Stiles's papers:—

Sir,

Newport, Nov^r. 12, 1765.

Your Letter of 6th. June ult. I wrote an Answer to, but retained it by me, with a view of comparing Coll. Goffe's original Letter, Aug. 6, 1674, with the Autography of the reputed Col. Whaley at Narragansett, before I returned it. Judge Helme is well acquainted with those Writings, some of which I hoped to have found with him who upon read^g. this tho't he could recollect a Similarity of handwriting. He has engaged to procure me some of the Writing in Narrag., which when I receive shall be forwarded to you. . . .

It is probable that Whaley was the aged Gentleman of Goldsmith's Letter & he was superannuated in 1674. . . .

I very sincerely condole with you in the Desolations you have so unjustly suffered. I am Sir, with great Respect

Your most obed^t. Servant

EZRA STILES.

JARED INGERSOLL

Born in Milford, Connecticut, in 1722, and graduated at Yale in 1742. He settled in New Haven as a lawyer, and in 1758 was appointed Agent for the Colony of Connecticut in London. In 1765 he accepted the office of Stamp Distributor for Connecticut, which he was forced to resign ignominiously. In 1769 he removed to Philadelphia, as Judge of the Court of Vice-Admiralty, but after the outbreak of the Revolution he returned to New Haven, where he died in 1781.

Dr. S^r.

London 20th. March 1761.

Your favour of y^e. 12th. Nov^r. 1758, I received soon after my arrival at this place & took Care seasonably to deliver to D^r. Chandler,¹ the Letter inclosed to him. The Doct^r. tells me he shall send you by me an Answer to y^r. request, tho' of a somewhat delicate nature. My unexpected Delay here has occasioned the long Silence on his part as well as mine, as it has been supposed by us both that I might have carried you an Answer myself in good Season. I am now preparing for my return home & expect to be

¹ Samuel Chandler, a prominent nonconformist minister in London.

on your side y^e water sometime this Summer. This I was willing just to intimate to you least you should think I had quite forgot you. As I expect so soon to be with you I shall omit to inform you of anything I have met with here that might be amusing until I shall have the pleasure of conversing with you in a more full & intimate manner.

As to News I know of nothing remarkable. The Parliament was dissolved Yesterday. I had the pleasure of being present in the House of Lords when the young King in his Regalia, attended by a numerous & most brilliant assembly of Nobility, Ladies & gentry, received the farewell Speech of that venerable Personage M^r. Onslow Speaker of the House of Commons at the head of that august Body, over which he has presided with so much Dignity & honour for above three & thirty years. He is now so far advanced in Life that he has resolved to retire from business & spend the residue of his Days in peacefull Solitude. The Scene closed with the King's Speech, delivered, I do assure you, with all the grace & beauty of an accomplished Speaker. He is certainly not only as a king disposed to do all in his power to make his people happy, but is undoubtedly of a Disposition truly religious, and, to those more noble Accomplishments, has the at least desirable additional Circumstance of a good Person & fine Elocution.

I want to see you & to say a thousand things of Old England, which pleasure I hope to have ere long. In the mean time believe that I am

Y^r. sincere Friend & very humb^l. Serv^t.

J. INGERSOLL.

SAMUEL JOHNSON, D.D.

Born in Guilford, Connecticut, in 1696, and graduated at Yale in 1714. He conformed to Episcopacy in 1722, and after ordination took charge of the mission in Stratford in 1723. He was President of Kings College, New York City, from 1754 to 1763, and died as rector of his old parish of Stratford in 1772.

Sr.,
Stratford, Mar. 11, 1750-1.

I have been so interrupted with Company that I can write but few words. My kind Service to the D^r.¹ & am obliged to him for

¹ Col. John Hubbard of New Haven, whose daughter Dr. Stiles married in 1757. Stiles seems to have sent to Dr. Johnson for criticism a manuscript poem by Dr. Hubbard on Governor Jonathan Law, who died in office on Nov. 6, 1750. The poem probably never was printed.

the regard he has for my Opinion.—His poem is an ingenious Performance, but I am in some doubt whether it's Exordium may not be liable to some Misconstruction, as tho' the late Gov^r. may perhaps, by a kind of Transmigration, be only removed to the Care of some other Governm^t. whereas I believe people generally think he is gone to Heaven.—Perhaps also some moderate people may think him too severe in his Apprehensions of the Design of Whitf^{ds}. Errand, & the New Light fondness, & some things are of rather too lofty a Strain for common understandings. However, the same good Sense which composed it is well qualified to make a few Omissions & Emendations with such an advantage as would render it very well deserving the Light, & I doubt not it would be well received.

I am S^r. y^r. Friend & humble Serv^t.

SA. JOHNSON.

SAMUEL LANGDON, D.D.

Born in Boston in 1723, and graduated at Harvard in 1740. He was ordained pastor of the 1st or North Church of Portsmouth, New Hampshire, in 1747, and was dismissed to the Presidency of Harvard College in 1774. His place at Portsmouth was filled by Dr. Stiles in 1777-78. After his resignation of the Presidency he was installed at Hampton Falls, New Hampshire, in 1781, where he died in office in 1797.

He received the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity from the University of Aberdeen in 1762.

Rev^d. S^r.,

The long delay of an Answer to your favor by M^r. Ellery needs a good Apology; I wrote to send by the same Gentleman, but he setting out on his return an hour or two sooner than he had appointed was the cause of my missing the Opportunity, & from that time till now I have met with none convenient. Your friendly congratulations upon the honor done me by the University of Aberdeen I kindly accept; but am so conscious of the smallness of my merit as almost to be ashamed of such a titular advancement. It was intirely unexpected & suprizing, & the greatest advantage of it may be to excite me to do my utmost for the Church of God, that the Gospel of the Redeemer may be the more promoted by any increase of my influence.

. . . . Last August by as exact a Meridian as I could make by the North Star well calculated & observed, having produced it to the length of 11 feet, I determined the Lat. of this Town $43^{\circ} 6' 30''$, tho perhaps the seconds must be allow'd almost too nice for such Observations. According to this Meridian I likewise tried the variation of the Needle, & by a Semicircle diagonally divided to every 6 minutes & with great exactness, I found it to be $8^{\circ} 30' W$: what it was 20 years ago or longer, I have not yet examined, but purpose if possible to find what the decrease has been, as I am satisfied it is upon the decrease.

My Map of New Hampshire was six years in England.¹ There are but few Errors in the engraving; but I could have made some considerable corrections if I had certainly known that the Gentlemen to whom I sent it had determined to publish it, as we know more of the back Country than when I first drew it.

I sent you once a hurried note, giving an account of an Eclipse, in which I believe I committed a great mistake in calling the total immersion the end of the Lunar Eclipse. I doubt not you saw the Error, & excused it by considering the hastiness of the line.

I shall be glad of your agreeable Correspondence as often as you have leisure to communicate your thots & opportunity of sending this way.

With this please to accept a Sermon I have lately published²; when I preached it I knew nothing of my Doctorate, tho some may suspect by the Introduction that I had had some intimations of such a thing. I cannot but reflect upon it as a little remarkable that just before the strange news my thots should take such a turn.

But I must finish before I grow tedious, & subscribe

Your Friend & Brother in the Gospel,

SAM^l. LANGDON.

[Rec^d. June 2, 1763.]

Portsm^o. Sep^r. 17th. 1766.

Rev^d. Sr.

I acknowledge the Receipt of your favor of the 26th last & am much pleased with the conversation of the Gentleman you

¹ This map, prepared by Dr. Langdon in conjunction with Colonel Joseph Blanchard, in 1756, covers parts of New Hampshire, Vermont, and Canada.

² Delivered in Windham, Maine, 1762, at the ordination of Rev. P. T. Smith.

recommended. He shew me a Copy of the Letter sent by the Episcopal Clergy to the University of Cambridge, which I never had seen. I find they are determined to make the utmost push for a Bishop in America, & greatly fear they will be successful; for I look upon the sending of a Roman Catholic Bishop to America¹ as a certain prelude to the appointment of another for the Episcopal Churches of the English establishment. May God avert such a Plague from New England!

M^r. Sandeman's Chh here has lately had some small increase: I am informed that 16 Communicants now make up their Chh. They all discover a very malevolent Spirit, & high Enthusiasm very much like that of the hottest New Lights, however frigid Sandeman's notions may seem to his Readers. His Meeting House is not much frequented by any but those of his party; & about thirty persons are his constant Hearers, including the Chh. His Hearers I said, but as he himself is now in Connecticut, his Desk is supplied with two preaching Elders; one of which whose name is Mitchelson came from Scotland; the other is from among themselves, viz. Colbourn Barrel,² who has lately become Bankrupt. His Bro^r. Nath^l. Barrel of his Majesty's Council in this Province, who within a few weeks past has been made a Deacon of Sandeman's Chh, is also very lately shut up,³ & indeed the whole Society seems to be in a fair way to break up by neglect of their temporal Interest, & the expensive methods of their management. We let them very much alone, & I am persuaded if they are not drove

¹ The writer appears to have been misled by some false statement in this respect.

² John Barrell, merchant of London, had six sons and three daughters: Walter, planter of Cape Fear and later merchant of Portsmouth, Boston, and Philadelphia; Joseph, commission merchant and store keeper and Selectman of Boston, afterwards living in Waltham; Colborn, merchant and shipbuilder of Boston and later of Newmarket, New Hampshire; Nathaniel, merchant of Portsmouth and at one time member of the governor's council; Walter, merchant of Antigua and later Inspector General of Customs in Boston; Theodore, merchant and planter in Grenada. The daughters were Mrs. Samuel Eliot, Mrs. Le Cand, and Mrs. John Andrews, whose husband was the writer of the letters known as "John Andrews Journal" (*Proceedings Mass. Hist. Soc.* 1864-1865). Nathaniel, Colborn, and Walter were Sandemanians and loyalists, the others were supporters of the Revolution, though at first Walter and Joseph were in sympathy with Sandeman.

³ Nathaniel Barrell failed in business in 1766 and to escape the sheriff remained concealed for some weeks in his own house.

firm together by some kind of persecution, they will soon grow lax & disjointed by jealousies & quarrels among themselves; for perfect ease & freedom are opposite to the very basis of their Scheme.

It is now past Midnight, & to morrow morning I am to go & join in the Ordination of M^r. Thayer,¹ which forbids my enlarging on several other things I should be glad to write. Therefore I can only add that your Correspondence is extremely agreeable, & that I am S^r.

Your sincere Friend & Bro^r. &c.

SAM^l. LANGDON.

Portsm^o. Nov^r. 18th 1766.

Rec^d. S^r.

This afternoon I receivd your favor by M^r. Ellery; but have been so interrupted with Company & other necessary avocations, that my Answer cannot be so full as I could wish.

I laid the Episcopal Letter before our Convention, & informed them of the intended Congress; but they declined transacting any thing particularly on that head; only observd that they should be ready to concur with & promote any measures necessary for the security of the common Privileges of Dissenters, & did not doubt but they could prevail with some of their people to bear a proper part of common charges which might arise; upon the whole trusting me & M^r. Haven as suitable Persons to receive Letters from the Congress or any Committee appointed by them—which, if you please you may notify to any Gentlemen concernd.

I have not time to send you a Copy of my Diploma, or my Letter to the University, which I wrote in English—but will do it p^r. first Opportunity.

I cannot doubt of the Friendship of the new Ministry to America; & I am so far from suspecting the Earl of Chatham more than M^r. Pitt, that this very advancement gives me assurance that he will now act all the great things w^{ch}. he could only talk of before in Parliament as necessary.

Something now occurs as to Sandiman's Society here: the Sabbath before last, Sandiman having arrived from Connecticut the day before, an attempt was made to reconcile the Brethren, who had been in a great dissention on account of the bad Conduct

¹ Ebenezer Thayer, at Hampton.

of Nath^l. Barrel (one of his Majesty's Council) in affairs of Merchandise.¹ Being a Brother of considerable importance, they spent the whole Sabbath in examination & wrangle. Six of the Church, the most consciencious were against him—seven were at first on his side. In short hot contentions arose, & several of our Congregationalists who were present as witnesses or spectators were too highly diverted. Finally M^r. Sandiman declared in favor of M^r. Barrel & his party, & the others came off pale & astonishd, & I understand under a sentence of excommunication; tho, as far as I can learn, having truth & justice on their side; thus they appear at present to be in a very broken & declining state here; tho at Boston a Church is just formed, which may perhaps rise to a greater heighth.

Pray excuse me if I break off now abruptly, leaving some things to the next opportunity.

I am S^r. your Friend & Bro^r. &c.

SAM^l. LANGDON.

Harv^d. College June 8 1779.

Rec^d. & Dear S^r.

Your favor of the 18 last, with your very acceptable & elegant Oration, came to hand by M^r. Atwood; but being then at Boston, I was so unhappy as to miss the opportunity of seeing the Gentlemen. I find you have been involv'd in the same difficulties w^{ch}. for more than a twelve-month past have exceedingly embarrassd our Affairs. Our Steward & Cooks are supported by a Salary paid by the Scholars, & they have been chargd besides only the neat cost of Provisions & Utensils; but lately what they have paid for Commons one Quarter would not purchase above half the Provisions for another Quarter. The Remedy is now in contemplation before the Corporation, & I suppose we must come to some such method as you have taken to reduce pay to a Standard.

The loss of D^r. Winthrop is an exceeding great Breach on this College, which I fear cannot soon be repaired. I send you a feeble attempt to perpetuate his honorable Name.² You will dispose of

¹ "The Sandemanians are in a strange situation here, there being a General Division amongst them, seven against eight, with drawn daggers, occasioned chiefly from attempting the settlement of accounts between Nat and George Hart." Walter Barrell to Joseph Barrell, September 20, 1766, *Barrell Papers*, Library of Congress.

² *A Sermon after the interment of Professor John Winthrop*, by the author of this letter.

the spare Copies to the Gentlemen of your College as you think proper. Dr. Wheelocks Death will make a great Change in the Affairs of Dartmouth College; he was happy in living to see his Plan so far perfected.

I have met with continual difficulties since I have been in my present Station, by the War, & the fluctuating Medium; yet I do not repine, as I think divine Providence pointed out my path of Duty. May God enable you & me to promote the Redeemers Kingdom as well as the most useful Literature, & carry us well thro' all our Labors into his eternal Glory.

I am Sr. your affectionate Friend & Brother

S. LANGDON.

NATHANIEL LARDNER, D.D.

Born in Hawkhurst, England, in 1684, the son of an Independent minister. He became a preacher in London, and was more widely known and influential as a biblical and patristic scholar and writer. He died in July, 1768.

Hoxton Square
in London,
June 30, 1767.

Reverend & Dear Sir

I am much obliged to you for your very friendly & agreeable letter of Dec. 8, 1766, conveyed by Dr. Johnson, whom, however, I have not yet seen. I have writ to him, & receivd a letter from him, dated May 4, 1767, wherein he says, he shall not return in less than 4 or 5 months, which is a long time. I have some things to send, & if I can sooner meet with an opportunity of sending, I propose to embrace it. I have lately compleated, what was designed for the concluding part of the *Credibility of the Gospel History*: which is a *Collection of ancient Jewish & Heathen Testimonies to the Truth of the Christian Religion*. It consists of four volumes in q^{to}. And I have determined to send *six* sets of that Collection to our Friends in America: *vid.* one set for the Harvard College at Cambridge in N. E.: a second to the Yale College in Connecticut: a third set for your Ecclesiastical Library at Newport: the fourth set for the College in New Jersey: a fifth for the Rev^d. Mr. Sam. Mather at Boston in N. E. who at times has favoured me with several letters, & divers publications of his

own: the sixth for the Rev^d. D^r. Chauncy at Boston, who preached the funeral sermon for D^r. Mayhew. And I wish these volumes may be received as an acceptable present by my friends in your country. They should have been neatly bound, if I could have afforded it. But as I publish at my own expense, without a subscription, & there is among our present set of dissenters small encouragement for literature, & my good old friends of a critical taste are gone off the stage, I can do no more than send them sewed in marble paper; hoping, that they to whom the volumes are sent, will some time bestow upon them a better covering. . . .

I thank you for all y^r. kind wishes, and entreat the continuance of y^r. prayers for me. Now wishing you the long continuance of health & usefulness, & every good thing conducive to y^r. comfort & happiness, I remain, Dear Sir, with true esteem your sincere & affectionate friend, & humble servant,

N. LARDNER.

P. S. My whole parcel, consisting of six or seven bundles (for there are two for you) will be packed up by my nephew M^r. Jo. Jennings, directed to M^r. *Sam. Mather* in Boston, with a request to him, to forward the bundles, by himself, or friends, to the persons, to whom they are directed. . . .

Reverend & Dear Sir,

I am indebted to you for your obliging & friendly though rather too complaisant letter of Dec. 2, 1767. I have great reason to rejoice, that my new volumes have proved acceptable to you, & to our good friends, the ministers in your neighborhood, to whom you have recommended them. I am likewise well pleased to find, that you approve of the several volumes of the *Supplement*, with which, as I have already intimated to you, I am still myself well satisfied. . . .

M^r. White, successor to D^r. Chandler,¹ is a popular preacher. Nevertheless the congregation is not large. Indeed very few of the old Dissenting *Presbyterian* Congregations in London are large. And some are declining apace, & their doors will be closed in a short time, as several others are already, & have been so for some time. But the highly orthodox, or enthusiastical congregations among the Dissenters hold up pretty well. And *Methodism* flour-

¹ Samuel Chandler, died 1766, minister at the Old Jewry, London.

ishes greatly. I suppose they have their congregations in Yorkshire, & Wales, & most of the Counties in England. And *Wesly* & *Whitefield* have several large congregations here, in and about London & Westminster.

At Canterbury, when I was young, there were two flourishing congregations of Dissenters, one Presbyterian, the other Independent. Now the Dissenting Interest is almost or quite sunk there. And yet *Wesly* has lately erected there a new & handsome place of worship. At Bath the Dissenting Interest subsists, but is low. The Methodists have there a new & handsome chapel, holding 1500 people. And the *Moravians* have there also a congregation. What *Methodism* is, I know not. But I think it consists of some enthusiastic principles. And their preachers talk much of *Christ* & *Grace*, & preach without notes. What will be the event, I cannot say. We might hope, that some advantage might hence arise to the cause of liberty, tending to diminish the too great power & authority of the established church. But no such prospect now appears. But these Methodists can subscribe readily to all the articles, & conform to all the rites & ceremonies of the Church of E——d, and some of them accept of preferment, in it, that is, church-livings. And I suppose that some of them make use of the English Liturgie in their separate congregations. . . .

Your sincere friend
and humble servant,

N. LARDNER.

Hoxton Square,
in London,
Apr. 6, 1768.

JOHN LEWIS

Born in Southington, Connecticut, in 1746, and graduated at Yale in 1770. He was a Tutor in the College from 1773 to 1778, and pastor in Rocky Hill, Connecticut, from 1781 to his death in 1792.

Newhaven Aug 3 1775.

Rev'd Sir

I have this moment parted with M^r. *Bushnell*¹; hic homo est Machinæ Inventor, quæ, ad naves Bostoniæ portu pulveris pyrii

¹ David Bushnell, who was just completing his Sophomore year in Yale, the inventor of the submarine torpedo.

explosione destruendas, nunc est fabricata & fere perfecta. Machina ita est formata, ut, viginti, aut amplius, pedes sub undas celeriter transeat, & pulveris pyrii 2000^{lb}. portare et navis carinæ infigere possit. Statim vel post minuta decem vel semihoram secundum Operatoris voluntatem, Horologium totam massam inflamabit. Accuratè describere illam valde mirificam Machinam, ob hostes non licet, neque possum si vellem. Nam ad naves destruendas valeat variæ sunt opiniones; at quantum auguror conjecturâ.

Sed vero, Domine Rev^{de}., me pacavisse vereor, talem rem Epistolis confidendo, at Veredarius, a quo has habes (ut dicit filius tuus) valdè est amicus patriæ; spero igitur mihi ignoscas, & imo in pectore secretum retineas.

There are some vile persons, I imagin, in or about this town; the night before last there was an attempt made to fire the College-Chapel, & that the villian did not accomplish his design, & can attribute it to nothing but the good hand of Providence. He had taken a bundle of straw & placed by means of a door that opened at one end under the desk, he then it seems put fire to some tow, & put it under the straw. It luckily happened that the straw was wet, which I suppose he did not take notice of. It was this circumstance alone, I presume, that saved the Chapel, & both the Colleges. In this manner we found the straw & the tow next morning, the tow almost consumed. Who the villian was, is not yet discovered. We purpose to keep a watch that we may discover all future attempts of the kind. . . .

Yr. very h^{ble}. Serv^t.,

JOHN LEWIS.

ELIHU LYMAN

Born in Northampton, Massachusetts, in 1720, and graduated at Yale in 1745. He was engaged in business in New Haven with his elder brother and classmate Daniel Lyman, to whom the following letter is addressed. He was appointed Commissary of the Colony troops in 1755. He died in 1758.

Albany Sept^r. 17th. 1755.

Dear Bro^r. Daniel

I wrote you this Day via Wallingford p^r. M^r. Collins in which I inclos'd a List of the killed, wounded & missing in the late Battle at Lake George, & now spare a few Minutes to give more Par-

ticalars. Sunday the 7th. Ins^t. y^e. Indians gave Intelligence to the Camp that they had discover'd y^e. Tracks of a large Body whose Course was towards the Fort at y^e. Carrying Place, on which a Post was dispatch'd immediately to give y^m. Intelligence, which Post was killed by them & some Waggoners in y^r Way to the Fort. The Letter by the Post determin'd their Way to y^e. Camp at y^e. Lake, supposing by some Mistake in them that y^e. Cannon was at y^e. Fort & none at y^e. Lake, & indeed a Happy Mistake for us; for had they come to y^e. Fort, they were then in such a defenseless State, they would have been an easy Prey to the Enemy, it being not compleated. One of y^e. Waggoners who escap'd on Sunday, got back to the Camp y^e. same Evening & inform'd where y^e. Enemy was, but knew not y^r. Numbers, on which it was determin'd by Counsel to send 500 Men under Col. W^{ms}.¹ to South Bay where it was suppos'd, or rather known by Scouts, y^e. Battoes lay, in order to cut off y^r. Retreat. Col. Whiting² was order'd with 500 Men more to go in search of y^m. towards y^e. Fort & to relieve it if besieg'd, but the Indians being called in Counsel it was determined otherwise & W^{ms}. & Whiting joined with a party of Indians which are included in the 2 five hundreds; they march'd from the Camp about 9 o'clock in the Morn^g. the 8th. Ins^t. with 1000 men, march'd about 3 Miles. Col. W^{ms}. who commanded in y^e. Front halted & sent to y^e. Rear where Col. Whiting commanded, & to Major Ashley who was in the Center, to consult about the Order of Marching; it was determin'd to march 5 deep & at some Distance, y^e. Indians in y^e. Front as an advanc'd Guard, but they no sooner began their March in this Order than they were fir'd on in the Front. Col. Whiting gave Orders to press forward to sustain Col. Williams, but the Enemy shewing their Ambush before laid soon flank'd them on both Sides & oblig'd them to give way, but so far stop'd them as to secure their Retreat & give Time for y^e. wounded to get off & y^e. Camp to put themselves in Readiness.

Col. Whiting has gain'd immortal Honour in the Management of y^e Retreat, for you must know that Col. W^{ms}. & Major Ashley were both killed with a Number of others in y^e. 1st. Volley, & y^e. whole Command was in Whiting. The French General was pleas'd to say there was never a better & more advantageous Retreat

¹ Ephraim Williams, the founder of Williams College.

² Nathan Whiting (Yale 1743), of New Haven.

fought in Flanders. The Enemy being encouraged by our Retreat made a most bold & vigorous Dash for the Camp. The Regulars being 300 & all Granadiers made the 1st. & strongest Attack in the Front of y^e. Connecticut Regiments; they fir'd at 1st. in Platoons, but were entertained very warmly for 2 Hours both with small Arms & some Field Pieces; y^e. Indians & Canadians who sustain'd them then made their warmest Attack on the right where Col. Ruggles & Col. Titcomb were plac'd; about 5 o'Clock they began to retreat, & our men to pursue & fetch in Prisoners & arms. They took the French General le Baron de Dieskiau, who was badly wounded, but there is some prospect of his recovery; y^e. Day I left y^e. Camp, which was Monday last, he was to set out for this Place; was to be bro^t. on a Horse Litter; his aid de Camp, who came into the Camp being left & lost the Evening after the Engagement, was to come down with y^e. Gen^l. All y^e. other Prisoners came down in my Waggon & arriv'd here this Evening, with Orders from Gen^l. Johnson to send them to New-York. y^e. 2^d. Officer Monsieur St. Pierre (who commanded at the Ohio last year when Col. Washington was defeated) was killed in battle. By the best Acco^{ts}. we can get from the Prisoners y^e. French lost more than one third Part of their Army, which consisted of 18 or 1900 Men, 300 Regulars, 8 or 900 Canadians, & 700 Indians. The Gen^l. says his Regulars as well Officers as Souldiers were almost all killed. He appears to be a very fine Gentleman & brave Commander, was Lieu^t. Col. in Mart^l. Saxes own Regiment & Col. of another in the late War. The Fire lasted from about 10 A.M. to 6 P.M. without Cessation. They left Dead on the Spot 130, besides were continually carrying off in the Engagem^t. their Dead, Wounded, Guns, Blankets & Provisions being left and scatter'd all along the Road for Miles together shew a most hasty Retreat. Ther's now a prodigious Smell of dead Bodys on the Road all the way from the Camp to the Place where the Action began. As good Luck would have it about 200 of the New-Hamps. Regim^t. & 50 New-York met them about 3 Miles on their Retreat & gave them another handsome Triming; drove them off from their Packs & Provisions as well as ours that we left in the Woods in the Morning, & many of their Guns; they left their wounded on the Road, some of which our Parties have bro^t. in, & others came in of their own Accord both to the Camp & Fort, some came in last Sunday; we have Parties continually out to discover their

Situation & to reconnoitre y^e. Carrying Place at the farther End of lake George; hope we shall learn them to keep at Home & mind their own Business for the Future.

ELIHU LYMAN.

A true Copy &c.

JOSIAH MEIGS

Born in East Guilford, now Madison, Connecticut, in 1757, and graduated at Yale in 1778. After filling a tutorship at Yale and studying law, he remained in New Haven as editor of a weekly paper, but in December, 1789, removed to Bermuda. In 1794 he returned to the United States, and was appointed Professor of Mathematics and Astronomy at Yale. He resigned this office in 1800 to accept the Presidency of the University of Georgia, where he remained until 1811. He was subsequently Surveyor-General of the United States, and from 1814 to his death in 1822 Commissioner of the Land Office.

Reverend & dear Sir St. George's Bermuda April 24, 1790.

The letter which you obliged me with introduced me to the acquaintance of a very worthy man,¹ who has given me every mark of his friendship which I could reasonably expect. Since the death of M^r. Stiles the comptroller transacts his business by deputy, and resides at his island, which lies about 4 miles to the south east of this town, and contains about 100 acres. He has there a Craal or Thraal, a natural pond, having a subterraneous communication with the sea, in which he keeps his turtles, an article of no small consequence to a man in good health and in the possession of a sinecure office. The magnates are often invited to feast with him on this marine ambrosia. No man can more nicely distinguish the various excellencies or defects of the vast variety of fish which are taken among our rocks and breakers. He often goes a fishing in his two mast boat, in the summer, with his mat-rass, his compass and culinary instruments on board, and stays out two or three days at sea to have the luxury of eating the fish fresh from their native rocks, and never fails of visiting the little sound as it is called towards the west end of these islands, to eat the Hamlet, a capital fish which is best on that ground. These voyages are attended with some trouble and not a little hazard, but no obstacle is insurmountable to a man of true taste. Apicius,

¹ Copeland Stiles, Comptroller of the Customs in Bermuda.

you know, went to the coast of Africa on the same business; Leander swam the Hellespont to see Hero, and what is a wench, says Darteneuf, to a barrel of excellent oysters? He is not a natural, but a practical philosopher. No man better understands the Italian maxim, *I pensieri stretti e volto stretto*; and of course his life passes very smoothly. He is not wealthy, but lives well. Though he uses the language of Ashdod occasionally, he has more religion than any man I have seen here, is a very kind master to his slaves, who he says take all the profits of his office to maintain them, though he allows them all they can raise from his island.

The number of islands in this cluster of Bermuda, is not exactly known, but is not much short of three hundred. The principal islands are St. George, about $3\frac{1}{2}$ or 4 miles long from east to west and half a mile broad, and an island separated from St. George by a narrow channel, and extending to the westernmost extremity, being about 20 miles long, and from half a mile to 2 miles wide. This principal island has no name,—no island is named Bermuda;—the stile in government & law papers is "*these islands*." The whole country is surprisingly intersected by bays and arms of the sea:—the rocks have a tremendous appearance:—the whole looks like the broken fragments of a ruined world. On the north and northwest the rocks extend to distance of 4 or 5 leagues to sea, and without skilful pilots who are black fellows educated to the business from childhood it would be impossible to enter any of our harbours. Shakespear described these islands very well when he called them the "vext Bermoothes."

There is not a spot a mile from ocean, on one side or the other. The number of acres contained in this cluster is about 12000. Inhabitants about 14000, more than half blacks. Agriculture is much neglected. A little Barley is raised, but in a most wretched way. They have no ploughs. "*The country lies unfenc'd, untill'd*." As I travel I frequently see such exhibitions as make me think I am in a country just emerging from a shepherd state. An old woman sits on a stone by the road side overlooking a lazy negro wench who with a clumsy hoe digs a trench in which the barley is scattered, & when it is ripe, the harvest is gathered in not with a sickle nor cradle, not in a cart or wagon, but with a pair of scissors or a broken knife, into a negro's apron. The only valuable production is the cedar, which is the staple commodity, and on account of its durable quality is highly valuable in ship building. It grows

to two feet or two and a half diameter, and of a proportionable height. These trees are worth from one to forty dollars each. A single acre well timbered is worth 300 or 400 Pounds Currency (Dollars 6/8). It grows to maturity in about twenty years. When land is sold, the trees are marked & numbered & appraised in a book. Richard Downing Jennings has a landed estate in these islands, the timber on which has been lately appraised in this manner and amounts to upwards of twenty thousand pounds. A ship of 500 tons may be built of cedar but it does not grow to a sufficient size for the largest ships. Many vessels are built for sale:—about 25 or 30 annually, and their workmanship is elegant. Cabinet work scarcely exceeds it. These vessels fetch a high price in the west Indies. About 100 sail are employed in commerce; chiefly in carrying salt from Turks islands. The raking of salt employs seven or eight hundred Bermudians, & this business is the principal source of their wealth. From the best information I can procure, the salt they collect annually is worth about £12000, at a half pistareen a basket. Tropical fruits would grow here if any attention was paid to the culture of them. Sour oranges are plenty; if a tree grows spontaneously in the wilderness it is well; if not, a Bermudian would have no punch. Lemons and limes are plenty; the former grow to an enormous size, and furnishes Waller with a line in his poem:

“Bermuda wall’d with rocks who does not know,
That happy island where *huge lemons* grow.”

I have seen a lemon at Governor Hamilton’s which was at least seven inches in diameter. A cluster of orange trees loaded with fruit, is the most glorious exhibition that I have seen in the vegetable world. The palmetto tree once furnished a valuable remittance to Europe, when wrought into *Platt*. But the carelessness of the Bermudians deprived them of the credit of the manufacture, and straw and other materials are now manufactured into hatts, though our *Platt* is capable of greater elegance & beauty than any thing I have seen the ladies wear. Still the palmetto is a very valuable article to the Bermudians. Of it they make ropes for their boats & hatts for their own use. This tree lives to a surprising age:—old men tell me that they can scarcely perceive the trees to have grown at all in their memory. The *papa* tree bears a fruit not easily to be distinguished from the American

squash. The Banana flourishes here & is a very fine fruit. But all they have is spontaneous.

Navigation is the only interesting object. They are never happy ashore. They venture in their open boats in the roughest weather to sea, to save the unfortunate people who are brought up by their rocks. Wrecking is a valuable business, and they have surprising resolution and perseverance in saving every thing that can be saved. But they are too apt to cut away a ship's masts as soon as they get aboard, when a ship might be got off,—for this purpose it is said they keep their hatchets locked up in their desks, as sharp and bright as their razors. Whales are very plenty on the south side of the island in March, April, and May. I have seen perhaps 40 spouts this morning, in less than ten minutes. The Bermudians are very dextrous boatmen but they have no great luck in taking whales. They are said to be more fierce and dangerous than those of Greenland or Falkland isles, and I believe it to be true; for Nantucket men have been employed here, and did not succeed so well as the Bermudians. These monsters of the deep are so very plenty that if by some improvement in the mode of attacking them, we could get them ashore, we should be made rich by the business.

Slavery here scarcely deserves the name. The blacks are excellent sailors, pilots and fishermen. They are remarkably handsome, having surprisingly assimilated to the European figure and feature. The natural increase is such that no slaves are imported. A man who owns half a dozen negroes, builds him a sloop and goes to sea; he treats them like his friends or children, and they are not ungrateful. It is a proverbial expression among us that "A Negro & a Cedar Chest is a Bermuda Girl's Fortune."

Slavery however, has produced its baneful effects on the characters of the enslavers. It has made them lazy, indolent, and proud. Many white people who are starving in the extremity of poverty, are above labour of any kind. No country can exhibit more striking instances of distressing poverty than are to be seen here. And this will continue to be the case as long as they continue to import their provisions & their cloathing. The slow and moderate bounties of the earth will have no charms in the view of a man who can have 15 or 20 dollars a month as a sailor. These islands once exported corn & tobacco; the salaries of officers were formerly paid in the latter article, as they were in Virginia.

Now we have literally *nothing* but the Cedar tree. Formerly these islands were very wealthy,—*divites opum, pictae vestis et auri*, now it is only *statio malefida carinis*. It is a sort of *marine inn*, where a man who has money may live very well, but the poor are worse off than perhaps in any other country. It is said there are some remains of the settlement of the Spaniards, at a place called Spanish Point. Lord Somers was shipwrecked on the north side of Saint George's, and built a small vessel of the cedar he found here in which he went to Virginia, at a little Bay called building Bay. Near this bay is a well called Somers Well. It is about 15 feet deep & three feet wide, sunk into the solid rock, it has ten or twelve steps leading down to the water which is not more than ten or twelve inches deep, & is very brackish. Somers died here; and his bowels are buried in the Governors Garden; the grave is covered with oblong stone without an inscription, and is inclosed by a wall about 6 feet high & 10 or 12 feet square.

My prospects of business here are as flattering as I had any reason to expect. There is not a Pettifogger in these islands unless you please to rank me in that class. The services of lawyers are very fully paid; and I think if I exert myself and shall appear to have any genius for the Profession, (of which by the way, I doubt,) I may in 2 or 3 years make four or five hundred pounds per annum. It is not probable that I shall visit the continent these ten years. I confess to you that I look forward to a time when I may return to my country & pass the last years of my life among those whom I love. At this distance the United States appear to me of more importance than ever. From the summit of Mount Hill, I often look towards the N. West, and contemplate on that portion of the horizon a great, magnificent and happy people. I fancy I see countless fleets bearing from your rivers and harbours, not battle and murder and sudden death, but the best productions of the earth. In that situation I am sometimes enthusiastic in my conceptions, and with Balaam on the high places of Baal, am rapt into prophecy, "From the top of the rocks I see him, from the hills I behold him. Lo! that people shall dwell sublimely *alone*, and shall be so decidedly superior to all others, that they shall not be reckoned among the nations."

I have had considerable difficulty in procuring a license to practice in this Government. Some officers of Government are

extremely jealous of Americans. The wounds of pride are not yet healed. Fortunately for me Governor Hamilton was early impressed with a favourable opinion of me. This Gentleman has served his majesty in a military capacity for 30 years. He fought at Louisburg; with Wolfe on the plains of Abraham; at the Havanna, & against the Americans in the last war. He was Governor of Detroit, & was taken prisoner by the Virginians on the Ohio; he had been a very active partisan & was treated with severity, & I believe with cruelty; however he has a liberal & noble spirit, and restrains himself from discovering his resentments. He is about 56 years of age, of a most noble personal figure; a good classical scholar, and a man of an elegant mind; very fond of gardening, of prints and curious books. His library contains a greater proportion of rare and uncommon authors than I ever saw before. You would be much pleased with Governor Hamilton, and when I have dined with him, and we have wandered away on the wings of fancy, I have often figured to myself how much you would be delighted with him. He is a distant relative of Dean Berkeley's Bishop of Cloyne, & I believe is not much unlike him. We have conversed on the subject of establishing an academy here, & he would do any thing to benefit such an undertaking. He would apply to the minister at home for a donation of Books & Instruments, & we have actually made out a list of a Philosophical Apparatus; but the Bermudians, though they talk very fairly, will do nothing to the purpose, and I have no dependence on this business.

We have no diseases of a singular nature except the leprosy. I have seen but one instance of this. . . .

The climate is healthy. We are like men on a ship's deck at sea in Lat. 32. North. . . . We have a very uniform temperature. Notwithstanding this uniformity, there is something in the air at 60 deg. more disagreeable than freezing cold on the continent.

These people have kept unaltered the manners of the old English, or such as their manners were in 1609. The furniture in many houses is rich, and magnificent, but antique. The harpsichord is a very common part of the furniture. We have frequent instances of Witchcraft, or, as we call it, *tricking*. And there is at the West End, a doctor who has a great reputation for his skill in breaking the charm. Funerals are very formal and ceremonious. . . .

From some circumstances which have taken place since writing these sheets, I am induced to request you not to communicate any reflections I may have made on the œconomical or political state of this Government. . . .

Your affectionate friend & most obedient serv^t.

J. MEIGS.

THOMAS MOFFATT

Born in Scotland in 1700, and educated at the University of Edinburgh. He became a physician, and settled in Newport about 1746. In 1765 he suffered indignities as a partisan of the British government. In compensation he was appointed Comptroller of the Customs at New London, Connecticut, in 1769. He returned to England in 1775, and died in 1787.

Sir

It may be probable that you are under no expectation of a letter from me but as I am under an influence neither necessary nor perhaps proper to explain, I persuade myself that it will be agreeable to you to be certainly informd of the repeal of the Stamp Act in America by the Parliament of Great Britain. I wish indeed that I was capable of clearly communicating to you an idea of the great difficulty that attended this work from the first moment it was known to be adopted by the Kings ministers who with their united influence and interest in both Houses of Parliament have happily effected it against a torrent of hindrance and interruptions in all its progressive steps from many quarters felt, known and unknown. The difficulty of repealing this Act was also continually increasing from the conduct of the Colonies who seemd here to cooperate in embarrassing the administration that was so strongly inclined to relieve America from every hardship or degree of oppression and who had professedly undertaken it against an opposition that was very considerable and powerful in respect of their Quality connexions, capacity and interest. Of this opposition therefore be it sufficient to say that they did not fail in a single point of address, argument or application that was probable ever so remotely either to defeat or retard the intention of the Kings Servants to redress America by a repeal of the Stamp act—and even upbraided the Patrons and advocates of America as meanly stooping to their Plantations and with relaxing or yielding up the dignity of Parliament.

But the present Ministers of State full of the tenderest and most benevolent sentiments and disposition towards North America sett out in this undertaking upon a principle of reclaiming the colonies by sure tokens of their moderation and grace rather than by instances of their power and resentment which last was much and eagerly insisted on by many but was always prudently averted by these now at the helm of Government who never have nor are yet insensible how much they have hazarded on this occasion for the sake of North America and how much they have yet depending upon the immediate and future behaviour of the British American colonies.

If therefore the tidings of repealing the stamp act is receivd in America with the expected and becoming spirit of gratitude really signifyd and manifested by a restoration of publick and private tranquillity, order and safety then may the Kings Servants with all the true stedfast friends of the American Colonies have a sufficient cause to rejoice and be abundantly satisfied with what they have now accomplished.

But on the contrary if the repeal of the stamp act shall be receivd, considerd or explaind in America as a condescension or submission extorted by the colonies from Sovereign Supreme Authority or if the occasion is celebrated with extravagance, riot and triumph indicatory of such sentiments or opinion then will the Americans be said here to have conspired in betraying their redeemers and of bringing them to open shame and may not only be instrumental in oversetting the present administration but of introducing into North America a Police founded in and supported with force and rigour.

Thus without being tedious or too minute I have given you an Outline from which you will perceive the duty, necessity and advantage of exciting a spirit of gratitude, peace and submission among all ranks of people. How agreeable this will be to the very respectable body of dissenters here or to these of your Friends on the north side of the River Tweed needs not to be suggested from me to you as I think you cannot fail of clearly seeing that in a very extensive view upon this extraordinary good occasion. I salute you and M^r. Stiles and all friends and am S^r.

Your most Humble Servant

THOMAS MOFFATT.

London March 18th. 1766.

The ministry is determind to lower the duty upon foreign molosses to a penny sterling p^r. gallon and to confer other commercial indulgences upon North America.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, NEW YORK CITY

To the Ministers and Churches and Congregations at Boston, and other Towns in the Massachusetts Bay Colony in New England, and to all others to whom this our Letter shall Come.

Very Reverend and much Honoured,

We the Trustees of the Presbyterian Congregation in the City of New York, beg Leave to inform you that about the Year of our Lord 1717, a small number of Persons, whom Divine Providence had brought to this City, chiefly from Europe, undertook the Settlement of the publick Ordinances of Religion in a Way they conceived most agreeable to Divine Institution.

That about the latter End of the Year 1718, they purchased a Piece of Ground, where on to build a House for publick Worship, and being encouraged with some Assistance in this City, and by a publick Collection obtained (through the Favour of the Government) in Connecticut, they undertook the Building; but before it was finished, they found themselves overwhelmed with the Weight of the Expence, which was in part afterwards relieved by Doctor Nicoll's Undertaking a Voyage to Scotland, who obtained a publick Collection there. Nevertheless great Arrears remained unpaid, till at length, by the Generous Conduct of Doctor Nicoll in the Settlement of the Buildings and Ground in Trustees in Scotland under the Direction of the General Assembly of that Church, the Debt then wholly due to Doctor Nicoll was cancelled, and by a Declaration of Trust made by the Gentlemen Trustees in Scotland, pursuant to an Act of the General Assembly of that Church of the 8th. May 1731, the Uses of the Building and Ground were declared to be for the Benefit of the Presbyterians in and near the City of New York for ever, they keeping the Buildings in Repair. Before this was effected, the Rev^d. M^r. Ebenezer Pemberton was, pursuant to a Request of the People of this Congregation, chosen by the Reverend Ministers of Boston, and sent as a Candidate for the Ministry of this Church, upon the Removal of

the Reverend M^r. Anderson, under whom the first Undertakers had fallen into an unhappy Schism, which had endangered the utter ruin of this infant Congregation.

The scattered Remains of this Congregation in the greatest part uniting under M^r. Pemberton, after a short Tryal, gave him a Call; and on his Acceptance, he was ordained at Boston for the Ministry of this Church in August 1727.

That the Congregation for some years after M^r. Pemberton's Settlement continued poor and small, ordinarily consisting of not more than 70 or 80 persons old and young. Large arrears of Salary annually increasing, continued unpaid; and the Buildings unfinished; and our Minister greatly discouraged. Till at length six of our eight Windows, (which had continued covered with Boards almost 20 years) were glazed. And about the year 1739 the Showers of Heaven began to descend upon the Congregation; a large Increase of Gifts were bestowed on the Minister; and the divine Presence manifestly appeared among the People; so that upon our doors it might be truly inscribed Jehovah Shammah *the Lord is there!* The Numbers of the Congregation greatly increased, and the Floor of the Building became quite full; which some of us had for a long time scarce hoped to live to see. About four years ago the Call for Galleries was very loud and pressing. The Building of three Galleries was undertaken at once, and they seemed to be full as soon as finished, and the Floor below as full as before. The Cry is now as great for Room as ever. The Voice of Providence seems to be:—*Lengthen your Cords, Strengthen your Stakes!* Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it!

But to comply with this Call we find many Difficulties. The present Buildings demand Repairs, which will exceed in Expence, all our Stock in Possession. We want Ground wherein to bury our Dead, which scarce of late have been interred with common Decency for Want of Room. We also want a Bell and Steeple not only to call the Congregation together, but also for the more honourable Support of Divine Worship, and to take away our Reproach, it being a Vulgar Error among us, that we are legally incapable of that Privilege. But certainly most of all, we want an Enlargement of our Church or Meeting House.

To supply all these Demands, will cost us at least £1500 New York money. On the first of October last, though quite out of Debt, which had exceedingly embarrassed and obstructed the Work

for many years, yet we had then but about £10 in Bank. Our Congregation is but newly gathered, in its infant State, and can't well bear a much greater Burden than the present stated Charges.

The publick Service of the Church by preaching twice in the Day, and expounding in the Evening of every Sabbath, and the stated weekly and occasional Lectures bearing exceeding heavy upon the minister, we, about two years ago, attempted to procure him an Assistant; but being disappointed in our Tryal, and finding the Congregation too weak to bear that Expence, we are obliged to desist from a second attempt for the present. Yet the Work of Enlarging the Meeting House must, with Dependance upon Divine Providence, be undertaken, and we hope that divine Blessing upon the Church and Congregation that has made it necessary, will, some way or other, grant it Success.

We are not able of our selves to perform the Work, and are but just emerging out of pressing Difficulties. We have not where with to purchase the means. The Buildings & Ground are a publick Property and cannot as formerly be mortgaged to raise money, and when the Buildings are compleated, not a Pew is or can be sold to defray the Debt. No Man can have any personal Interest therein but what entirely depends on his religious Principles, and his local Residence in or near this City. And the whole will remain free to the Publick for ever, without any other Charge than a Rent on the Pews and Seats which are not sufficient to pay the minister, and the stated Charges of the Church and Congregation, and the Relief of the Poor which we have always with us. So that we have hitherto been under Necessity to submit to a Collection twice every Lord's Day, and on all other Week day Solemnities to supply these Wants.

Therefore we are obliged to cast ourselves upon divine Providence, and our Christian Brethren and Friends abroad. And we are the more encouraged to hope for Success in this Way, because this Congregation has been enabled, upon Calls for Charity, to be behind none in these parts in Liberal Contribution to the Relief of Others, notwithstanding the Indigence of its own State.

Our humble Request therefore to you is, that you would grant us your Help, and favour this good Design to promote the Interest of Religion in a City, which is not only the Capital of a Province, but is seated in the midst of the British Settlements in North America. The Prosperity of which Undertaking, we trust and

hope will have an extensive Influence towards the Advancement of Religion all around us; and enable us and our Successors in time to come to repay with large Interest (for the Promotion of the like good Designs) all that shall be granted for our Relief in the present Exigence.

Tho' we cannot prescribe the Way, in which this shall be done, yet we would humbly propose that a Collection be made in your Churches and Congregations on the Sabbath in the Room of your stated Collections, humbly hoping through the Blessing of Heaven, on the previous Exhortation of the Ministers and timely notice to the People before hand, that God may so far bless our Design, as that by your Charity we may be enabled and encouraged to undertake the Work. And we promise that what shall be given shall be frugally and faithfully applied for the religious Purposes and Ends for which you design it.

We are the more emboldened to ask this Favour, because it is for the publick Good in a Matter of great Importance, and because when our Buildings were first undertaken about twenty eight years ago, we gave our Friends in Boston and in your Colony no Trouble, in a publick Way, nor had any help from them, but by a small present from a very few private Hands.

If the Expediency of granting our Request should be called in Question by Reason of the heavy Burden that lies on the People by Occasion of the present War, we need scarce mention that the Design of your Charity is not the Promotion of any worldly Interest, but the Enlargement and Extension of our Redeemers Kingdom, and the Promotion of God's Worship and Service, to Whom we all are infinitely obliged for the large Expressions of his Goodness manifested to his Church and People during the present War: not only by an amazing Scene of Providence in delivering into our Hands the Strong Hold of our Anti Christian Enemies at Cape Breton, from whence they might have sorely distressed & annoyed us, but also in saving our King & Nation from the Ruin that threatened us in the late unnatural Rebellion excited by the savage Enemy and supported by a foreign Force. And also in delivering Boston in particular and all the British Settlements in America by a Miracle of Mercy from the Designs of a formidable Armada, that might have swept us with the Besom of Distruction, had not God interposed when the expected Refuge failed, and saved us by his own immediate Hand. Verily God hath rode upon the Heavens

for the Help of New England, against whom we learn that the first Blow was intended, and by His own Arm hath wrought for us a great & general Salvation! And surely a small part of that Substance that has been so astonishingly preserved from the Sons of Violence, may be esteemed by you as a Testimony of your Gratitude, for those signal Benefits, and prove a Sacrifice of that kind with which we may hope that God will be well pleased.

The same pressure lies heavy upon us in this Colony, which has done more for the Support of the Common Cause than any one of the Colonies to the Westward, we may say than all of them put together, tho' several of them alone are Superior in Strength and Ability to ourselves.

The Weight of our Provincial Load that lies upon us does not hinder our chearful attempting the Work, hoping that if our Motives and Ends are truly Christian and Sincere, we shall be enabled to bear up under every Burden, and obtain Success from this undertaking. And tho' we cant merit any Favour from the Hand of God by any good Work intended or performed by us, yet being found in the Way of our Duty, we trust both you and we, through the unmerited Goodness of God shall still enjoy the Divine Favour, and that his Salvation shall continue to be for Walls and Bulwarks around about us on every side.

Very Reverend and Much Honoured, with our hearty Prayers for Success in this Undertaking, and that God may dispose you to offer willingly to the work, we commend you to the Blessing and Protection of Heaven, earnestly praying that Grace Mercy and Peace thro our Lord Jesus Christ may be multiplied among you and beg Leave to subscribe ourselves

Your Brethren, in the Hope of the Common Salvation

J. ROYALL
W^m. SMITH¹
JERE^{ah}. OWEN
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City of New York 12 March 1746.

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² Yale College 1731.

JAMES PARKER

A native of Woodbridge, New Jersey, and one of the best-known colonial printers. In 1743 he established *The New York Gazette, or, Weekly Post-Boy*, in New York City, which he conducted, with some interruptions, until near the time of his death, in July, 1770.

In 1755 he opened a printing house in New Haven, in partnership with John Holt, and began the publication of the first New Haven newspaper, *The Connecticut Gazette*, which was continued by the same firm until 1764.

N York Jan. 8 1767.

Rev: Sir,

With this you will receive one of my News papers, wherein I have begun to insert a Book on the Culture of Silk¹: and which News papers I shall continue to send gratis, till the Essay is finished: but it is upon the requested Condition, that you will be so good as by the Way to make your Remarks and Observations on it, as it goes along:—The Reason why I send them, was thus:—About 28 Months ago, I had some Discourse with Dr. Franklin about reprinting the Book now going to be inserted, in a smaller size than it is done in England, to render it cheap to every Body's purchase. He told me he believed it would answer and be of Use, if I could get you to remark and observe upon it: for that he understood you had made several Trials, and were capable of remarking what was practicable and what not:—We should probably have proceeded, but a few Days after his Attention was called off for his going to England:—And the Thought dropp'd: But this Summer the great Injury I received by the most base underhanded Ingratitude and Injustice of Mr. Holt, who I had learnt the Trade, assisted and supported ever since I was at New Haven, compelled me to come to this City again, and resume my printing again, tho' I am perfectly deprived of a great Part of my Estate, having never been able to get any Account or any Settlement or Retaliation from him, either on the New Haven Affair or New-York: what Estate he having at New Haven being attached by the King, for Money due from Holt to the Gen^l. Post-Office: In this Dilemma, and little Encouragement, I am determined to try my Fortune again: He having grown

¹ By Samuel Pullen, or Pulein; published in London, 1758.

popular at my Risk, and I nothing but my Hands and Diligence to encounter him with. And apprehending the Affair of Silk may one Time or other come into Vogue in this growing Empire, I would contribute all in my Power towards it, and which I also believe these to be proper Means of establishing: if I can prevail on you to contribute your Mite:—Perhaps the Divine Providence who orders all things for the best, has so reduced me, as to oblige me to these Steps.—When I reflect upon a short Interval of Time at New Haven, I think how small a Point turns great Matters. You may remember, when the first Theses were printed there after I went thither, it was talked of sending them to be done at New London, which but for M^r. Darling's informing you, of what I had asserted, would certainly have been the Case:—and I have reason to lament it, ever since: for I only then wanted one Excuse to withdraw from that Place, which that would have been quite sufficient for:—and your interesting yourself to have me do the Work, stayed me even against my Will:—Had I left New Haven then, it would never have been in Holt's Power to have chous'd me, as he has done: However, its possible Providence would have afflicted me some other Ways: therefore it becomes such short-sighted Wretches as we are, to submit to the Will of Heaven:—Without a single Groan:—Yet that Heaven perhaps often afflicts his Creatures, that they may have an Opportunity to exert their Faculties, and bravely struggle through those Difficulties, which tho' they distress the Body, often work to the Advantage of the Agent. God knows how far this may be my Case: But be it as it may, I am bound to see it out:—Beg you would therefore let me know by a Line or two, whether I may hope for your Favour and Assistance in the Matter whereof I have here wrote about, that I may know what I may expect. Your Remarks &c. may be made upon each or any of the Chapters, and they will be inserted at End: I apprehend it will all go in in about 16 Weeks:—Shall expect your Answer which you can send by the Post, directed to him, who is with all Respect

Your obliged Friend and Humble Serv^t.

JAMES PARKER.¹

¹ Dr. Stiles's reply on February 3, to this letter was printed in Parker's paper of March 5.

SAMUEL H. PARSONS

Born in Lyme, Connecticut, in 1737, and graduated at Harvard in 1756. He became a lawyer in Lyme, and an officer in the militia, and served through the Revolutionary war, attaining the rank of Major-General. He was appointed in 1778 Judge of the Supreme Court of the Northwest Territory, and died in 1789.

Middletown 27th. Ap^l. 1786.

Sir

In my tour to the Country bordering on the River Ohio the last Winter some natural Curiosities have fallen under my Observation, which may afford the learned a field of useful Industry: I have therefore taken the Liberty of sending you the Tooth of an Animal now unknown in that Country, and a few Petrefactions I have collected there, and to trouble you with the Account of such Facts as have fallen under my Observation in respect to those Things as well as other Singular Appearances to be found there; that I may contribute all in my Power to facilitate the Inquiries the learned & Curious may be induced to make.

In November last we went down the Ohio from the Miami about 32 Miles to a Place cal'd the big Bone Creek to search for the big Bones said to be found at a Salt Lick on that Creek about three Miles from the Ohio. We found the Place to be a flatt of about 20 Acres inclos'd. with rising Lands on all Sides through which is a running Stream of Water; the Soil a yellow soft Clay. The Bones are found in & near this Stream under the Earth at different Depths. We collected about 300 or 400 lb of the Bones of which the Tooth I now send you is part; a Thigh Bone intire is the largest Bone of our Collection, this 49 Inches in Length, I imagine is about 60 lb in weight; parts of the Jaws, Legs & Head Bones were also taken up, but not the intire Skeleton of the Animal. What Species of Animal this was I am unable to conjecture, and being wholly unknown to the Natives we are not aided by Tradition. Whatever this Creature was, his Height I think must have been between 12 & 16 feet if the other Bones bear a proportion to those we found, and are in any considerable Degree proportiond to the parts of other Animals. These Bones are found in no places but in soft Ground near Rivers or Water Courses as I have yet heard. Of what Species they were, by what Means

& at what Time they became extinct I leave to the Inquiry of others.

In Respect to the Petrefactions, which are common in some parts of that as well as other Countries, I beg Leave to state this fact, that at the Rapids of the Ohio the Waters pass over flatt Stones which extend from Side to Side of that River, very similar in Shape & Appearance; that on the S. E. Side I discoverd no petrefactions, when the Surface of the Stones on the N W Side are coverd with petrefied Vegetables of all kinds, with small fish Animals & Excrements, in various Stages of Petrefaction from the beginnings of an external Incrustation to a perfect Stone; that at this place there appeard a gentle dripping of Water from the adjoining Lands falling upon the Stone in the River, which appear'd to me to fix the Vegetable or other Substance to the Stone like a Cement. A Doubt arose in my Mind whither the receivd Opinion that certain Waters posses'd a petrefying Quality was just, or whither this is not a Quality in some kinds of Earth, and the Water passing through those Strata may become so impregnated therewith as to produce the Effect. If so perhaps a more valuable Cement than has yet been discover'd may be found; this I leave to the learned to ascertain.

The numerous Remains of Fortifications in that Country, (a Draft of One at the Mouth of Muskingum I also send you) and pieces of earthen Vessels & brick dug up from considerable Depths in the Earth; the numerous Mounds of Earth erected in conical forms, some to the Height of 70 or 80 feet, containing the Bones of the Dead, are proofs of this Country having been peopled heretofore by those who have some Knowledge of the Arts; and the Trees grown up in those fortresses are of a Size which leaves little Room to doubt that the Works were abandoned long before this Country was discovered by Europeans. The present Inhabitants having no Knowledge of the Arts or Tradition respecting the fortifications leaves a Doubt whither the former Inhabitants were Ancestors of the present.

This I leave to you & other learned Men to form your Opinions of: and am with great Esteem

Sir y^r. most Obed^t. Serv^t.

SAM^l. H. PARSONS.

SETH POMEROY, JUNIOR

Born in Northampton, Massachusetts, in 1733, and graduated at Yale in 1753. From 1757 until his death in 1770, pastor in Greenfield Hill, Fairfield, Connecticut.

Fairfield in the Parish of Greenfield

27th. Jan^{ry}. 1766.

Revnd. Sir

. . . . You may have heard of the new religious Sect lately sprung up in Danbury, propely called *Glassites*, thò by some styled *Kissites*, from their *holy kissing*. I wish I could give you a full account of 'em; but such particulars as I am able to collect I mention, which I suppose you may depend upon. Some time last Summer, M^r. Whites Son Joseph with a few others drew off from his Father, & set up a separate meeting, having M^r. Taylor formerly minister at New fairfield,¹ & some others with 'em. Their peculiars seem to be kissing, frequent singing, celebrating the Lords Supper every Sabbath,—have heard they hold *washing of feet* a duty, but don't know of their yet practicing it; they are frequent & liberal in contributions, & talk of a *Community of estates*. One M^r. Benedict has been lately ordain'd a Bishop or Elder, of which they have at least two in every Chh, & each of 'em the *Husband of one wife*. If he that prays is as they say *out of the line*, any one perceiving it stops him, & sets him right. They go near to deny the *Humanity* of our Saviour, or are very backward in speaking of it.

To crown all they have lately introduced *music & dancing* previous to public worship, thò not on the Sabbath. They invite all to join in those exercises that will, of whom M^r. *Moss Kent* being one, reports, that they behav'd much as when they had a *Rate* at College, that he had not been in such a Chorus since. There are about 10 of 'em, but have lately excommunicated two, one for not dancing. M^r. Woodh—² with all his good sense & learning is carried away with them, but M^r. Eb. White³ will not join 'em. They are extremely censorious and provoking toward all that

¹ James Taylor (Yale 1754).

² Richard Woodhull (Yale 1752), Tutor.

³ Yale 1760, as well as his brother, Joseph M. White, mentioned above. He soon became a Sandemanian.

oppose 'em, railing & calling them by y^e. hardest names. A gentleⁿ. from Scotland is now with them. They render themselves contemptible to others, but this they boast and glory in. . . .

Your most obedient humble Serv^t.

S. POMEROY JUN^r.

ELAM POTTER

Born in New Haven in 1742, and graduated at Yale in 1765. He was ordained to the ministry in 1766, and made an extensive preaching tour in the Southern Colonies in 1767-68. Subsequently he was settled as pastor in Enfield, Connecticut, and Southold, Long Island, and died in 1794.

Rev^d. Sir,

In Answer to your Request I have collected from my Journals the following Account of the various Nations of Indians bordering on the back Parts of Virginia, the Carolinas, Georgia and the Floridas.

I. of the Cherokees. This Nation live principally upon the River Tenisa, which empties into Missisippa. The Body of this Nation is situate about 220 Miles North-West of Charleston, in South Carolina, but their Land & some of their Settlem^{ts}. extend far Northward & border eastward on Virginia, North and South Carolina. June before last his Excelency William Trion run a line betwixt them & the Province of North Carolina to their general Satisfaction. The Appalachian Mountains run thro this Nation. The Rev^d. M^r. Richardson of South Carolina informs me that when he was amongst them as a Missionary 10 Years ago, they had about 1500 fighting Men, but since then they have been greatly diminished by the War with other Nations, with the English, & by the small Pox, which is a most fatal Disease among them. Since y^e War M^r. Hamrah from England has settled among them and teaches them to read & write English &c.

II. Of the Cataupas. These are a Nation who lie upon the River Cataupa near the Line that divides North & South Carolina, & they are situate about 180 Miles from the Sea. They live upon a Tract of Land which the King orderd the Government to lay out for them and was to consist of 30 Miles square. In the year 1768 they were so reduced by the small Pox that they have accepted

of but 15 Miles square. They may consist of 20 or 30 Families, & their Number is about 100 Souls.

Their Religion: They acknowledge one Supreme Being, & think that when they die, they shall go to y^e. southwest. When they die, all their Substance is buried with them. They very devoutly attend Worship, when among the English upon such an Occasion; and are desirous to have their Children train'd up in english Schools. Their fatal Remedy for the small Pox is the cold Bath.

III. Of the Cheraws. These were formerly a considerable Nation, but of late have been so depopulated by Wars and Sickness that they have fled to the Cataupas for Protection & now live amongst them; they consist of about 50 or 60 Souls.

IV. Of the Creeks. This Nation lies south West of Georgia, & some of their Settlements not far from the River St. Maries. This is a very powerful Nation, & they have formerly been very valiant in War, & have not scrupled to call themselves the Lords of the Earth. They may be able to raise about 1600 fighting Men (from the best Accounts I could have of them).

V. Of the Choctaws. These lie westward of the Creeks & border on y^e. Missasippa River, & are about the Latitude 28. It is of late they have been furnished with fire Arms with which they defeated the Creeks in an Engagement last Winter. They may possibly be able to raise 8 or 900 fighting Men, I believe not more, (but I could get no certain Account of their Number, it being very lately that any Traders have gone amongst them).

VI. Of the Chickasaws. This Nation lives south of the Creeks, & border upon the Florida's. This is a very considerable Nation, but not equal to some of their Neighbours. As to their Number I could obtain no very certain Account, but presume they may be able to raise 3 or 400 fighting Men.

These Accounts Sir, I had from the most knowing and intelligent Gentlemen that I convers'd with, and if there are any other Nations or Tribes of Natives that I have not mention'd, they must be very small and inconsiderable; but I have mentioned every Nation that I could gain Intelligence of.

I am, Rev^d. Sir,

Your most obliged and very Humble Serv^t.

ELAM POTTER.

New Haven

Septem^r. 12, 1768.

SAMUEL PURVIANCE, JUNIOR

A Philadelphia merchant, strongly devoted to the Presbyterian church and to the Proprietary government.

He was killed by the Indians in 1788, while passing down the Ohio River, near the Great Miami.

Philad^a. Nov^r. 1st. 1766.

Rec^d. Sir

After a very agreeable Journey in the Course of which we did not receive One shower of Rain, I returnd safe here in ten Days after leaving you, & found my little Family well & myself much more benefitted by the long Ride than by all the preceding part of my tour to the Eastw^d.

On my Arrival at New York I had the Mortifying News of our Freinds here being entirely defeated in the late Election of Representatives. Dr. F——'s party having carried their Ticket for every Member in this County & City. I doubt not y^e be surpriz'd at this as well I was, & be apt to conjecture our Friends the Presbyt^m. made but a Bad Improvem^t. of the Advantage which might be expected from the publication of Hughes & Gallaways Letters: but I assure you from everything I can collect our Freinds behaved with great Spirit & harmony & were complimented for their Conduct even by their Antagonists. Two or three particular Causes which contributed to their Defeat I shall mention. After the publication of H——s & G——s Letters the whole City was in the greatest ferment, & Numbers of Quakers who had been strongly ags^t. us formerly, began to declaim with great Violence ags^t. their own Leaders & made Overtures to our people of joining them in a Ticket: our best Politicians thou^gt. it woud be their best Way not to interfere in the Election, but suffer the Quakers who were split amongst themselves to combat one another & quarrell effectually, but those who revolted to our people pressd them to an Opposition after having stood out till within a few Days of the Election when they agreed on their plan. By that time they were quite too late to prepare Matters & make an Interest thro' the Country which requires time & great Pains, & the other Party who had fix'd their Ticket long before had a great Advantage. Another Cause which has allways but perhaps more than formerly operated ags^t. us this year, is the Conduct of the Episcop^m. who tho' they have promis'd us their Aid, have ever deceived us, & are allmost

entirely (save a few whose Interests bind them to the Proprietors) on tother Side the Question; they rejoyce at the Quarrel betw^t. us. & y^e Qu—rs & no doubt expect that in the midst of our Contests theyle one day or other get the upper hand of us both; they are certainly more jealous of us as a growing Body than of the Qu—rs & well know our Spirit to oppose them, for w^h. Reason they throw their Weight into tother Scale ags^t. us; and besides all this we have strong Reason to suspect the Episcopalians want to engage the Qu—rs to a Neutrality about their present favourite Object a Bishop & have gone into their Alliance on that Condition. Nay further: theres great Reason to believe that D^r. S——¹ who has been so long a Tool, Depend^t. & Hireling to the Propriet^r. Family & who has made a Fortune out of them, tho a professd Champⁿ. in Oppositⁿ. to a Chg^e. of Govern^t. has yet betray'd our Cause, & before the last Electⁿ. secretly made Overtures to Gov^r. F——n, that on Cond^o. the Qu—rs could be eng^d. not to oppose their Views of a Bishop, the Churchmen should no longer oppose his Father in the Scheme of changing the Govern^t.: that the Person ment^d. is capable of acting so bad or even a worse part, I believe neither you nor I have any Doubt. Its evident to me that the C^hmen w^d. now rather have the Government chang'd than not, doubtless with a View to remove the Barriers of Civil & Religious Liberty, & with an Expectation that they alone woud engross the Favours of the Crown. Notwithstanding the Badness of our Representatives, how trifling is that Disgrace to us in Comparison of having the Author of *Americanus*,² an open Champion for Stamps, to be Speaker of our Assembly this Year, this the Qu—rs themselves are ashamd of. Perhaps yle think it strange when I tell you that notwithstanding D^r. F——n's party were thus able to carry the Election yet they have not been able to carry save one Point in the Assembly in their late Sitting, w^h. was to continue the D^r. as Agent till next Spring only; every Material Point was carried ags^t. their great Mortifⁿ. so that tho' we have not Chang'd the Men, yet its plain we have changd their Principles; w^d. you believe that G——y could be so infatuated as to get a Proposal made in the House to petition the Parlim^t. for a Change of Govern^t. or in other Words to throw up our Charter & Constitution at once; yet this has lately happen'd

¹ Rev. William Smith, Provost of the College of Philadelphia.

² Joseph Galloway.

& carried ags^t. them by a great Majority. From that Proposal only you may judge what violent lengths Parties are carried here. Yle please to observe when I say the Qu——rs carried the whole Ticket ag^t us viz^t. 10 Members that our people oppos'd them only in two viz^t. G——y & one other; by putting G——y in the Chair they have done us some considerable Service; it has rivetted a lasting Oppositⁿ. ags^t. him from Fox y^e. late Speaker who is a Man of great Interest, & who was turn'd out of y^e Chair purely because he w^d. not go into all their violent Measures last Year, but generally sided with M^r. Allen & our Freinds in the House; and it has left the other Party without one Man of Sense or Abilities in the House to speak in Support of their Measures. Suffer me to give y^e. one small Anecdote as a Specimen of Q——r Politicks before the late Election. When they found that of their Friends had spoken openly of taking part with us, & declaiming ag^t. Hughes, Gallaway & F——n, a Deputation of the Elderly Men was appointed to wait on the revolting Brethren to admonish & bring them back to their old Standard; amongst these Revolters was the famous Israel Pemberton who has been in our Sentim^{ts}. these 3 years past; when he was waited on by the Deputation, he began to reason the Matter & alledgd several strong obvious Objections ags^t. G——y as a weak & a bad Man, to which it was answer'd, all that is true, yet we cant do without him, we Must have him in the House to oppose M^r. Allen. When People can swallow such Maxims, judge what theyle stick at.

On the Whole Sir its apparent, that Our Party is gaining Ground fast, that the Q——rs are dayly opening their Eyes to see the Danger they are brou^t. into by their party Leaders, that they have push'd Matters with such Violence & fury as must render them despis'd by all Spectators, & that their Leaders are only playing the Game of Self Interest & Ambition & have made tools of them for those Purposes, in short that they are utterly led out of their Depths, ready to fall to Pieces if they stick to their Leaders, & in Danger of being ruined if they follow them further; their Prejudices ags^t. us on acco^t. of our Opposition is dayly wearing off (as I have experienced in their Behav^r. to myself since my Return home) and for my Part Im so much more apprehensive of Danger from y^e. church, & displeas'd with their double Conduct, that Im fully determin'd to meet the Q——rs half Way, shake Hands & be Freinds, Rejoyce at their Conversion, & endeavour to

unite with them in Opposition to y^e Epis^{ls}. This Im sure will be found to be our Joint Interest to do; and I cant but flatter myself that the great Moderation & Disinterestedness of our Freinds have shewn in their political Conduct these three Years will much facilitate these Designs. As a Sample of our Peoples Gratitude to M^r. Dickinson as the Bulwark of our Cause when the unhappy Contest first began: when they found he was thrown out in the County Election, they immediately gave up M^r. Bryan, our own Hero whom they intended to run for the City; and run M^r. Dickinson in his place; for which Generous Conduct I rec^d. a Letter at N. Y^k. from M^r. Dickⁿ. expressing the greatest Gratitude & inviolable Attachm^t. to y^e. Presbyt^{ms}. for their generous Behavior to him.—So much for Polliticks.

Im now to inform you that a very strong & spirited Remonstrance is prepar'd & intended to be signed by the Leading Members of our Congregtⁿ. to be delivered by Commisn^{rs}. who will attend the Trustees of Jersey College at their Meeting y^e. 20 Nov^r. to name a Presid^t. In this we propose to have the Institution put on a new Plan, to have 4 able Professors appointed & D^r. Alison at their Head, & even offer (tho' I dont know how we coud fill his Place) to give up M^r. Ewing if judg'd necessary for y^e. publick Good, as he is one of the ablest Mathematicians that we know of; we offer to make up by an Annual Subscription whatever their Funds fall short of supporting the proposd Number of Professors, & to join all our Influence in Raising Funds sufficient to support the College & in general to throw our whole Force into that one Channell. All these proposals are strongly enforc'd by every Reason of Interest, Necessity and peculiar Circumstances that we think can have any Weight with them. And in order to give our Remonstrance the utmost Weight we have privately engaged all our emminent Friēds the Lawyers at N. Y. to use their Influence in predisposing every Trustee they can influence to coporate in the Scheme, & have also eng^d. three Gentlemen to meet our Commisn^{rs}. at Princeton & back our proposals with their Presence & Oratory; a Copy of these Proposals is allready sent them with a very strenuous Letter, submitting y^e. Proposals to their Correction & Amendment. So sensible are we of the narrow Biggotry of our Brethren y^e. New Lights, that we dare not disclose these our benevolent & generous Views for fear of defeating our Intentions; by apprising them beforehand

we know Schemes w^d. be laid to oppose us in this most Salutary Measure; so that we hope to take our Freinds off their Guard; on this Acco^t. the Design is inten^d. to be kept private amongst a few till near the time of Election. If this looks like Cunning, Im sure its such as youle approve where the Intention is so good.¹ Its needless to point out to a Person who can so readily see, how many Advantages w^d. naturally arise from this Scheme; it w^d. in general kill y^e. Seeds of narrow Principles, Unite our at present divided Strength, Raise a Number of able Labourers for y^e Vineyard, & Render us a formidable Barrier ags^t. both Civil & Religious Encroachers: I can hardly suffer myself to despair of Success in these noble Aims. If we are defeated we shall immediately turn our Attention to New Ark Schooll & endeav^r. to make it at least a very valuable Academy. If we succeed in Uniting our Strength in the Jersey College, & the intended Union with our Friends in N. Eng^d., I shant much regard what our Enemies can do ags^t. us. . . .

The Rev^d. M^r. Alison fm Baltimore is here on his Way to the Congress² & presents his best Complim^{ts}. to you. The Doct^r.³ & he set off the Day after tomorrow. I forgot to tell you, that whether we succeed in our Views in Jersey College or not, the Doctor is fully determ^d. to leave this College ags^t. Spring & Remove to the Country, which will certainly ruin Phil^a. College. . . .

Your most Obed^t. & Hble Serv^t.

SAM^l. PURVIANCE JUN^r.

I had allmost forgot to tell you, y^r. friend the D^r.⁴ has lately aplyd to Gen^l. Conway ab^t. having the Petitⁿ. for Change of Govern^t. revived again. On w^h. Occasion he rec^d. such a Rapp o'er the knuckles as I believe has effectually silenc'd him on that Score; this comes from undoubted Authority.

Dear Sir

Philad^a. Dec^r. 13th 1766.

I receiv'd your kind Letter by Captⁿ. Anthony, & rejoyce to learn your & M^{rs}. Stiles's Wellfare. Im sorry I cant give you

¹ In the margin Dr. Stiles has inserted "Quere."

² Of delegates from Presbyterians and Congregationalists.

³ Francis Alison.

⁴ Benjamin Franklin.

an agreeable Acco^t. of our Application to the Trustees of Jersey College. I suppose D^r. Alison has given your a particular Acco^t. thereof,¹ let it therefore suffice to say our Memorial was treated contentuously, tho' not absolutely negatived: tho greatly mortify'd at the Rejection of a Scheme so highly interesting to the general Wellfare of our Society I woud fondly hope our Overture may in time bring about a Coalition of Parties. Its hard to say what Dangers will allarm our Brethren so as to lay aside selfish Views, seeing the present Period dont affect them: it was only a few Days before their Meeting that Govern^r. Franklin granted a Charter for another College at Brunswick in Jersey, doubtless with y^e. most unfriendly Intentions agst. the present College & the Interest of Presbyterians in general on Acco^t. of our Oppos^{tn}. to his Father's Polliticks, and notwithstanding this as well as other allarming Dangers should drive us into Unity, seeing we cant do it fm a principle of Respect to our Divine Masters Command Im sorry to see but little prospect of its soon taking Place.

In this disagreeable Situation, encroach'd on by our Adversaries, & rejected by our Freinds, whither shall we turn ourselves: By supporting y^e. College of Philad^a. the Flower of our Youth are every Day perverted by the Intrigues of that designing subtle Mortal D^r. Smith; and if we attempt converting our flourishing Sch^l. at New Ark into a Seminary for ourselves, we must unavoidably perpetuate the unhappy Parties that destroy our common Interest & Strength, & feed the Flame that every Moderate Man w^d. quench. . . .

Doctor Alison seems determind on leaving the College of Philad^a. in Spring which will in fact be giving up all the Interest we have therein. I was sorry to hear of M^r. Lockwoods declining the Presidency of Yale College as y^r. Acco^t. of him was so favourable. Pray is not it possible to put that College (w^h. is fav^d. by the Legislature) on a more respectable footing, by appointing a Number of Professors in y^e. various Branches of Science, so as to raise the Reputation of that Seminary w^h. I appreh^d. is at present but small. From what Observations I coud make, I fear the same may be too truely said of Cambridge College, & I appreh^d. the fundamental Defect in the Education of both, is, the slight Method of teaching the Classics, & thereby laying a bad foundation; Im certain our Grammar Schools here are much

¹ See Francis Alison's letter of Dec. 4, 1766, *supra*, p. 429.

preferable to the N. England, & that you ought to alter y^r. plan in that Respect. Please tender my best Complim^{ts}. to M^r. & M^{rs}. Cheesbrook. M^{rs}. Purviance joins in Complim^{ts}. to you & M^{rs}. Stiles with Dear Sir

Your mo: Obed^t. Serv^t.

SAM^l. PURVIANCE JUN^r.

Dear Sir

Philad^a. April 1st. 1767.

I have the favour of yours by Captⁿ. Anthony to which Im sorry I have so little time to reply as he sails in an hour contrary to my Expectations. Im pleas'd to learn there's a prospect of Yale College being so happy as to have M^r. Dagget at its Head as I hear him well spoken of. The Affairs of Princetown College remain nearly as when I last wrote you; its probable that tow^{ds}. May we shall know whether D^r. Witherspoon will accept y^e Presidency. We who wish for a Union of Interests will be highly satisfyed wth. his Coming & still hope the Accomplishm^t. of our Scheme if he comes; however I thought myself or Coadjutors maltreated by y^e. Narrowness of our Brethren, I see so strongly the Necessity of a thorough Union for the Preservation of both our Religious & Civil Rights from the all grasping Tyranny of a certain Church who is apparently aiming & making hasty Strides after Universal Dominion, that Im every Day more determin'd to combat with & stifle our own trifling Prejudices & endeavour after consolidating the Presbyterian Interests. Coud so desirable an Object be accomplishd Im perswaded we might soon raise as strong a Barrier in the Southren as you in the Northren Colonies.

Doctor Williamson¹ is advis'd by his Freinds to settle here & I hope will in Course of time make a figure in y^e physical profession; Im well pleased to retain y^e Assistance of a Person of Abilities who possesses a good deal of Zeal & publick Spirit. Doctor Alison seems to decline his Intentions of Retiring from this College to the Country, at least for some time. As Time wont admit enlarging, please render my best Complim^{ts}. to M^{rs}. Stiles & accept my Unfeigned Wishes for your Wellfare.

I am Sir

Your Fr^d. & hble Serv^t.

SAM^l. PURVIANCE JUN^r.

¹ Hugh Williamson, who had lately taken a medical degree abroad.

DAVID SHERMAN ROWLAND

Born in Fairfield, Connecticut, in 1719, and graduated at Yale in 1743. He became the pastor of the Congregational Church in Plainfield, Connecticut, and in 1762 removed to the First Congregational Church in Providence, Rhode Island, where he remained until 1774. He was later installed in Windsor, Connecticut, where he died in 1794.

Providence July 13th 1770.

Dr Sir,

. . . . As we have happily got M^r. West¹ of from the Antipedobaptist principles, in which he was educated, and in which he was very tenacious;—and as he appears to be a man of genius and made a surprizing proficiency in the several Arts and Sciences to which I may add, that he has a good understanding of Gramar and dip'd into the Lattin, it has been thou^t. adviseable that a Degree should be attempted for him. The thing has been mentioned to several of the Corporation of Harvard Col—ge who seem well to approve of y^e. notion and advise that a Certificate be signed by Leu^t. Gove^r. Sessions, M^r. Nightingale, M^r. Chickley, my self &c. This is like to take place, and I suppose will be sent by y^e. post to morrow. And as you are designed for Com——t. we should be very much obliged to you, if you approve of the design, you would take opportunity of forwarding this our motion. I am apt to think it would be seasonably done at this juncture. M^r. Manning's folks are a good deal shagreen'd at his becoming one of us,² y^t. their treatment of him is met with Complisance, tho' at the same time they much want his assistance, and in fact do not know how to get along without it, and use law [low?] methods to attain it. If he would be a Baptist he might have what favors, and (if they have any) honors, he pleased, and they could confer.

His observations upon the Transit of Venus for some time hung by the gills, in the press after one or two ½ Sheets were struck of,

¹ Benjamin West, a bookseller in Providence, received the honorary degree of M.A. from both Harvard College and Brown University in 1770, and became Professor of Mathematics and Natural Philosophy in Brown in 1786.

² Rev. James Manning, lately pastor of the Baptist church in Warren, had just removed to Providence, with the College of which he was President, and which later became Brown University. "His becoming one of us" refers to Mr. West's union with the writer's church. .

because M^r. Brown¹ had not enough of the honor as he thought ascribed to him; and would not let it go on 'till something was said more explicit in his favor, and to his *great* honor; when he did not deserve any at all, save for the apparatus. I have not time to add. I am

Your affectionate friend and unworthy B^{ro}.

D. ROWLAND.

N. B. The marginal notes which are designed to do so much honor to M^r. Brown were forced in by him, contrary to M^r. Wests Inclination, and what was really just and right; and the advantage taken because M^r. Wests circumstances were low and he was not able to support the press. And this is the true reason that you find in that same the Royal Style (We). These lines I trust in which I have expressed my self so freely you will secure from y^e. sight and knowledge of my Enemies if I have any. . . .

BENJAMIN STEVENS

Born in Charlestown, Massachusetts, in 1720, and graduated at Harvard in 1740. From 1751 to his death in 1791 he was pastor of the First Church in Kittery, Maine. His wife was Mary Remington, sister of the wife of Hon. William Ellery, of Newport. Their only child, Sally, married Rev. Joseph Buckminster (Yale 1770).

Kittery Oct^r. 30th. 1764.

Rev^d & Dear Sir

I am indebted for two kind Letters, & it was not because my Heart was not sufficiently warmed with a Sense of my Obligations that I have not sooner acknowledged the Rec^t. of them. But for want either of Leisure or an Opp^o. of sending. . . .

I can truly say I have felt with & for M^r. Ellery and consider my self as a Sharer with Him in his Loss. For I had not only a long & intimate acquaintance with M^{rs}. Ellery, but a sincere affection for her. I should have been exceeding glad she had enjoyed the same peaceful Serenity in the near Prospect of Death her dear Sister did, and been able with her to triumph at the

¹ Joseph Brown, one of the family which gave the name to Brown University.

approach of the King of Terrors. But tho' this Favor was denied her, yet I think Christian Charity requires that we consider her among the Number, who die in the Lord & are blessed. I wish you could have made her a Visit in her last Illness. It might possibly have contributed to the calming of her Mind a little more.

I doubt not M^r. Ellery has found you among his best Friends in giving him Consolation under Circumstances that call for the Assistance of every Friend. And I need not say that you will improve this opp^o. strongly to urge him to the practice of all the Duties of Piety, as its Principles will be his best support. My own dear Child being deprived of the Instructions & Example of a pious prudent Mother, I know better how to pity those Motherless Children . . .

I am obliged for your Intelligence relative to your College.¹ I wish Prosperity to every Attempt to promote Learning. But have never been clear in it that the multiplication of Colleges will subserve that End.

We have nothing remarkable here unless it be the arrival of *Sandiman*, the last winter at Portsmouth. I hear he preach'd three Times to crouded Auditories at the Separate Meeting House. The Number of his real Friends, I mean who pretend to understand & fall entirely in with his Sentiments are few. Some of the Gay & polite pretend to like Him, & have taken particular Notice of him. I understand his preaching is entirely in the spirit of what he publish'd. It is supposed by some his preaching "The fulness & freeness of the Doctrine of the atonement of X, & the Grace of the Gospel, as to leave nothing for the Sinner to do or endeavor towards obtaining an interest in the divine Favor," is pleasing to the licentious. And it is plead by his Admirers "How can the Gospel be free, if it requires any thing of Sinners to do, to obtain it," and "that conditional Grace is counterfeit Grace," "that Faith is not an exerted act, but a belief of the Truth," &c., &c.

Drown, the Separate Minister,² undertook, after Sandeman's last Sermon to point out some Defects in the Sermon. But He (Sandeman) only gave him a most contemptuous Sneer, & quitted the House as soon as possible. Upon this, a Contest & Uproar ensued, in the Assembly little less, than that of Ephesus of old.

¹ Brown University, founded 1764.

² Samuel Drown, pastor of the Independent Church in Portsmouth.

By what I can learn, He behaves politely to those that treat him with complaisance. But is impatient of Contradiction, quick of Resentment & possesses a large share of the high national spirit, of the Country from whence he came. I am told his main Intention in his Voiage to America is to confirm some Brethren in Connecticut who have fallen in to his Sentiments. You may possibly have an Opp^o. of seeing him in his Journey there. Not to tire your Patience, I shall only add, that thro' Favor I enjoy good Health, as does Sally. My affectionate Regards to M^{rs}. Stiles, M^r. Ellery & all Friends, & that I am

Cordially yrs.

B. STEVENS.

Kittery June 10th, 1765.

Rev'd & Dear Sir

I am so greatly obliged by your kind & agreeable Favor of last March that I am ashamed I have not wrote in return sooner. The Intelligence your Letter contained relative to M^r. S——n,¹ was not only acceptable, but with greater fulness & precision, than I have been to gain from any other Quarter. And considering the make of the Man, I think it surprising that you was able to get so much out of him. I have been trying to gain what Information I could, that I might make you some Returns for your large acc^t. General Reports, you are not insensible are very vague & uncertain. And I have had no opp^o. of conversing with him myself, unless it were a few minutes as I met him on a Journey.

And I have imagined I should stand no great chance for very complaisant Treatment from him, as I have heard that a Letter of yours, wrote to some Friend in Connecticut is fallen into his Hands, or at least a copy of it. A Letter in which you transcribed part of my last Letter to you giving an acc^t. of his Visitation at Portsm^o. last Fall. In which Letter was also an extract of a Letter from D^r. Chauncy. As it is so long since the Date of that Letter, & as I keep no Copies of my Letters, if you have a Copy of w^t. you wrote your Friend, I should take it gratefully if you would send it me, as it may possibly give me an opp^o. of contradicting any misrepresentation may be made of it. And it will not be amiss to caution your Friend not to give copies of

¹ Sandeman.

your Letters. Not that I wrote any thing, so far as I can recollect, but what I still think agreeable to Truth. But greater Freedom may be used to an intimate Friend, than when we write for general Information. However, I would not have you imagine I have any great uneasiness at this Incident. For I think the Man, who has taken such Freedom with other Men's Characters, & has treated them with such Severity, has not any Reason to complain, if he meets with something of the like Treatment himself.

I can now only hint at a few Things in general way relative to him. He gathered a Church at Portsmouth six Weeks ago, consisting of about 14. Seven were of the Town, the rest, except two from Boston, were of neighboring Towns. And that he & his Fellow-Traveller Carghill constantly officiate with them on the Sabbath, & generally preach two Lectures in the Week. I can't yet learn that they have chose Elders. It is said S——n & C——ll are to tarry at Portsm^o for some months if not a year. Their place of public worship is, at present, a Vendue Room in the midst of the Town, where some besides those who are of his Church constantly attend, yet his Auditories are not large, it is said from 30 to 70 Persons, and that they were rather lessening than encreasing. There is talk of a meeting House being built for him soon, but how that will be, is, I believe, at present uncertain. And a few others it is supposed will soon join to his Chh. By all that I can learn he converses chiefly, if not wholly with his admirers, and no great notice is taken of him by other Persons. And he is characterized, rather as a shrewd droll sort of a Person, than one that is remarkable for Piety & Devotion. D^r. Langdon's Remarks on his writings were but last week sent to the Press. They have not met with that encouragement from Subscribers that might be expected. If any Persons are disposed to subscribe with you be so good as to send along their Names. D^r. Chauncy's Sermons lately published contain I think some unanswerable Objections against Sandeman's Scheme. But I question whether he will ever attempt a formal answer thereto, or to what D^r. Langdon will publish. There are a few Persons at Boston who profess to admire him & his Scheme, & talk of gathering a Church there. I am not without suspicion Sandimanism will be a sect of continuance in the country. But it will I believe long have his mark of the true chh. i. e. to be small & to be despised.

I've not time to enlarge. I shall gladly hear from you every opp^o. of writing, and should with great Pleasure see your *Memoir* if it is not to great trouble to transcribe it, & if you have a convenient opp^o. of sending it. I had the pleasure of meeting M^r. Ellery at Cambridge last Week & must refer to him for farther Intelligence. I would have sent you a Sermon lately published, but parted with what I had with me before I was aware of it. My friendly Salutations to M^{rs}. Stiles, & all I know, and be assured of the esteem & affection of

Your Friend & Serv^t.

BENJⁿ. STEVENS.

Dear & Rev^d. Sir,

Kittery Jan^{ry}. 21st. 1766.

I wrote you a Line in the greatest Haste last Fall to go by Col^o. Sherburn. . . .

I thot my self so greatly obliged by a Letter I received from you near a year ago relative to M^r. Sandiman,—that I don't think I have yet repaid you.—But since the Rec^d. of that I have not been able to gain half the Intelligence you did in his short Visit at Newport. There are few, if any of my particular Acquaintance that have any personal Knowledge of him. Common Report is not to be depended on. This I believe is Fact that of the 14 at first admitted as Members 9 have been excommunicated,—their Discipline being very strict—but I cant learn that anything like a proportionable Number have been since admitted. One of their Number has not only been excommunicated but as there was no Prospect of Church being increased in the natural Way by him (altho' he had married a likely Sister) application was made some time ago to the General Court for a Divorce. The Majority of the House were for granting the Petition. But the affair is not yet finished. It made no small noise for time Time.¹—In the late Times of Oclocracy some small Damages have been done to the Sandimanian Meeting House—and some threatening Letters &

¹The reference is to a curious incident in the history of the Sandemans. William Barrell in August 1765 married Martha Langdon in Portsmouth. Evidently both at this time were Sandemans. But the following year she petitioned the governor and Council for a divorce on the ground of impotency. The bill passed the Assembly and was approved by the Council, but evidently not signed by the governor, as there is no record of a disallowance by the King in Council, which would certainly have

Speeches given out respecting M^r. Sandiman, if he did not immediately quit Portsmouth. Since then their Meeting House has been entirely shut up, & their public Worship has been wholly at Newmarket, about a Mile from Portsm^o.—whereas before their worship was alternately at each of those Places; and M^r. Sandiman, I hear has not of late made his Appearance at Portsm^o. It was rumored some time ago that he was writing an Answer to D^r. Chauncy. D^r. Langdon I believe will not go on with the Controversy—the Printers being discouraged for want of Subscribers. It was said last Summer, the public would soon see a long Letter from one M^r. Oliver Deming of Connecticut (if he would consent to its being published) and M^r. Sandiman's Remarks upon it, which would give fuller Satisfaction in Relation to his Principles. But I've heard nothing of late. I don't learn that more than one Elder has been constituted from among the Brethren collected here, viz^t. M^r. Colburn Barrell of Newmarket—who it is said officiates in his turn. Another Elder of the Glassite order, I heard, arrived from Scotland this last Fall with an Intention of settling at Portsm^o. I was told some time ago, by one that is in Connexion with some of the C^{hh}., that after this was well confirmed & properly settled M^r. Sandiman would go to Boston, where he expected to gather a larger C^{hh}. than here.¹

I have formerly, if I mistake not expressed my Fears, of what would be the Event of our late Conduct here in America. They are [not] entirely subsided, tho' much lessened. I think they can't be so infatuated, as to take forceable Methods to subjugate us. For this I imagine would endanger our Destruction, which in Time would bring on theirs. The same Spirit appears in New Hampshire as in the other Provinces—and they have this last Week sent back to London, the Commission & Instructions M^r. Messerve lately received. The Instructions contained it is said very extensive, if not oppressive Powers.

My Paper reminds to forbear, after assuring you of best wishes & sincere Friendship—and that I am

Affect^{ly}. yours

B. STEVENS.

happened had the bill become a law. *New Hampshire Provincial Papers*, VII. 93, 97, 98, 148.

Mrs. Barrell survived her husband, and shared in his estate in 1776. Stephen Collins, *Letter Book*, 1773-1783.

¹ Cf. Pres. Stiles, *Diary*, ii, 171.

ABEL STILES

A brother of Dr. Stiles's father, born in Windsor, Connecticut, in 1709, and graduated at Yale in 1733. Ordained and installed over the 1st Church in Woodstock in 1737. In 1760 the town was divided into two societies, and he continued to be pastor of the North Society, until his death in 1783. These letters betray the freshness and piquancy of his style.

Woodstock, Decem^r. 18th. 1755.

Rev^d. & Dear Sr.

Yours of y^e. 4. instant, I have. The 4th. Instant finish^d. one year since Sophia¹ took the way of Spirits uncumbred with flesh.—The 13. Instant compleated a year since Abel¹ slip^d. away from y^e. Land of y^e. Dying, to the Land of the Living. Alethea¹ return^d. with me from Lebanon. My wife & I are in usual health, but can't forget y^e Gall &c—Yet we remember to congratulate you, Sr., on acc^t. of your peacefull Settlement,² and heartily commend both your person, & Sacred Service, to Him who is Head over all. Brother Ripley³ was lately at my house. We renew^d. our resolution of a Visit in y^e Spring, Providence permitting. The Terra motus here was terrible, but more so in some places according to authentick . . . But Abel & Sophia were undisturb^d.! I just now heard M^r. Holmes⁴ is returned, but have not seen him. Our hopes from the Camp appear too like y^e Giving up the Ghost. It reminds me of what Herodotus says, when speaking concerning y^e. army of Xerxes, Polloi men Anthropei, oligoi de Andres, a world of people, and yet but few men. What would Regulus, Scipio Africanus or Hannibal say, were they to remark upon the C. P. adventure⁵? But I am in haste as well as you when your last was wrote. With all affectionate regard I subscribe myself & 2^d. self

Yours

A. STILES.

¹ Children of the writer.

² Ezra Stiles was ordained and installed pastor in Newport on Oct. 22, 1755.

³ David Ripley (Yale 1749), pastor of Abington Society in Pomfret, the town next South of Woodstock.

⁴ Stephen Holmes (Yale 1752), of Woodstock, now a candidate for settlement in the ministry.

⁵ Battle of Crown Point.

Woodstock, Feb. 18, 1764.

Rev^d. Sr. & Dear kinsman,

The Books you sent me, I have, & return you Thanks Quamplurimas. Likewise your Letter reached me about 2 Months after y^e. day of its Date. The Books I have perused with no small Satisfaction, tho it appears to me, that you & I dont think exactly alike about Cambridge Platform.

And if you shall be continued (as God grant you may) till you are grey as your Uncle Abel, perhaps youl alter some of your Sentiments relative to Ecclesiastick Governm^t. I well bear in mind that young Elihu wisely remarked the mistakes of those who were elder than he; yet I trust Elihu learnd the longer he livd, & so will Ezra no doubt. As to your request, y^t. I would collect & send you y^e. Results of Councils in this County for y^e last 50 years, & y^t. you have thought of writing a brief history of Ecclesiastical Councils in N. England, I would briefly reply, Viz: I have sundry Results by me of Woodstock Councils for near 25 years past, and suppose I could in time collect y^e greater part of the Results in the County: But let me query, suppose you had all the Results in N. England for y^e last 50 years; In y^e Name of Sixpence, I pray tell me, what Sort of Alembick would you make use of in order to produce, what you call a brief history of N. England Councils? Surely you must have a Chymical Talent to perfection, if you can make your History less contracted than y^e voluminous Synopsis criticorum—for should you confine your history to the Councils for Woodstock afores^d., they^d. furnish & suggest matter enough for a Volumn equal to Father Cowpers Anatomy. Ergo what, what World will you find wide enough to contain the Books to be wrote on the remaining Results? As to the Results in Woodstock since I came here, they appear to me as contrary as the Good & Bad Figs in Jeremiahs Vision, some of y^m. very good, others very bad; Nor do I think tis in y^e. power of mortals to prevent erroneous & injurious Results. In a word, were I half so sure, that a history of N. England Councils would prevent future mistakes, as I am of having been repeatedly injured by past Results, I should with utmost Chearfulness send you all y^e. Results y^t. I am able to collect. But perhaps you can give me that light as to your design as will quite alter my present sentiments.

Touching my personal & Domestick Circumstances they are comfortable. The long uproar with respect to me hath ceased,

since the Division of this Society. I am in peace with my people. . . . But y^e. time fails & I must break off with Peace be with you and yours always, thus prays Your true & reall

A. STILES.

ISAAC STILES

The father of Dr. Stiles; born in Windsor, Connecticut, in 1697, and graduated at Yale in 1722. He became pastor of the church in North Haven Society, then part of New Haven, in 1724, and continued there until his death in 1760.

Dear Madame

All health, fair Nymth, thy Lover sends to thee
 Tho you, & only you, can give it unto me.
 Shall I then speak? or is it needless grown
 to tell a passion y^t. It self has shown?
 Does not my love it self too open lay;
 and as I think in all I Do betray?
 If not, oh! may it still in secret lie,
 till time with our kind wishes shall comply,
 Till all our Joys may to us come sincere
 nor lose their price by y^e allay of fear.
 In vain I strive: who can y^e fire conceal,
 which Does It self by its own light reveal?
 But if you needs would hear my trembling tongue
 Speak what my actions have declared so Long,
 I love: you've there y^e word y^t. does Impart
 the truest message from my bleeding heart.
 forgive me, madam, y^t. I thus Confess
 to you my fair phisician my Disease,
 and with such looks this suppliant letter grace
 as best becomes y^e beauties of that face.
 May y^t. smooth brow no angry wrinkle wear
 but be your looks as kind as they are fair.
 Some pleasure tis to think these lines shall find
 an Entertainment at your hands so kind,
 for this Creates a hope y^t. I too may
 Reciv'd by you, as happy be, as they.
 Ah! may y^t. hope be true! nor I complain
 y^t. all my flattering hopes have been in vain!

Nor shall I ever think my choice was ill,
 My judgment's settled & approves it still.
 With cold Disdain all other's love repress
 I have, since hopes of you first fir'd my breast.
 Your charming form all day my fancy Drew,
 and when night came my Dreams were all of you.
 What pleasures then must you your self Impart,
 Whose shadows only so surprize my heart!
 May mutual Joys our willing bodies joyn,
 that happy night, shall y^e. mid-day outshine;
 [] Let your pen reach me, in y^e mean time. }

I. S.¹

N. H. Octob. 16, 1724.
 To M^{rs}. Kezia Taylor, In Westfield.

N. H. March 22, 1758.

My Son,

Yours I reciv^d. by M^r. Whiting. We are much exercis^d. wth.
 a hard Cold. M^r. Heaton's mother is dead, & y^e. wife of M^r.
 Darling². Col. Allyn, of about 100, & y^e Rev^d. M^r. Edwards of
 Windsor are Lately Deceas^d.³ We have Lately been infested wth.
 N. light teachers viz. y^e. right rev^d. fath^r. Eden Burroughs,⁴ Cap^t.
 benj. Dorchester, N. H., ben. beach Jun^r., a Divine of our own, M^r.
 Nickols of rhoad island (as they say) & M^r. fralinghaus from
 Weathersfield—but as yet have made but few prosylites.—M^r.
 Noyes's adherents were exceeding unanimous in their Call of
 M^r. Whittelsey⁵ & altho' Col. Wooster⁶ & his armour bearer Jn^o.
 Mix took pains to go beforhand to y^e. ministers y^t were Desird
 to attend y^e. ordination to remonstrate against their Coming yet

¹ This signature is enclosed in a rude heart. The writer began to preach
 in North Haven in January, 1724, and married Kezia, daughter of his theo-
 logical instructor, in June, 1725.

² Susanna wife of Samuel Darling, of New Haven, and mother of Judge
 Thomas Darling.

³ Matthew Allyn, born June, 1660, died in February, 1758; Timothy
 Edwards, father of Jonathan, died in January, 1758.

⁴ Yale 1757.

⁵ Chauncey Whittelsey (Yale 1738) was ordained as Colleague Pastor of
 the First Church, New Haven, on March 1, 1758.

⁶ David Wooster, a classmate of Mr. Whittelsey, and son-in-law of Pres-
 ident Clap, who was in pronounced opposition to Mr. Noyes.

y^r. met at y^e time appointed, & tho' y^e Society & Committee¹ appeard before y^e. ordaining Council y^e. night before ordination & forbid our entring y^e. Brick meeting house yet go we did & met wth. no manner of Lett or molestation & y^e. most beautiful procession it was y^t. ever I beheld at an ordination. M^r. Noyes walk^d. formost alone, then follow^d. his Chh., next the ordaining Council &c. A very numerous & crowded assembly we had—even many more there were gather^d. by than could get into y^e. house. M^r. hall of merriden made y^e. first prayer, M^r. Whittelsey of Milf. preach^d. an excell^t. sermon on mat. 38,² 19, 20, M^r. Hall of Cheshire (who was Moderator) gave y^e. charge, M^r. Merick made y^e prayer after y^e. charge, I gave y^e right hand of fellowship. The whole affair was conducted wth. great regularity, Decency & harmony. 5 of his Maj. Council were present at y^e pub. solemnity & din^d. wth. us, viz. Newton, Sylliman, Hall, Wollcot, Edwards, Esq^r.³ M^r. Whittelsey was examin^d. to a truth—from mans chief end thro^t.—& not only evry min^r. but evry messenger declar^d they were fully satisfy^d. as to his orthodoxy. The ministers of y^e. Council present were Mess. Hall, Merick, Hall Secundus, Todd, E. G., Whittelsey, Woodbridge, birdsey, Stiles. M^r. Ruggles was sick & not able to come. Street tarry^d. at home wth. his young Landlady.⁴ The tutors & scholars attended y^e. pub. solemnity. y^e president & M^r. Dagget did not vouchsafe to make their appearance. Col. Wooster & M^r. Jones & fam. (his w. except^d.) likewise attended. y^e. Col. din^d. with us. There is a great whistness & silence among y^m. of y^e blue house⁵ since y^e. ordination.—As soon as y^e. assembly was dismis^d. Col. Hubbard⁶ (as their mouth) gave

¹ A majority of Mr. Noyes's Society had formed a Separate Church (now included in the United Church), and opposed all action by Mr. Noyes's adherents.

² Error for 28.

³ Roger Newton, of Milford; Ebenezer Silliman (Yale 1727), of Fairfield; Benjamin Hall, of Wallingford; Roger Wolcott, Jr., of Windsor; and Daniel Edwards (Yale 1720), of New Haven; all members of the Governor's Council, or Assistants.

⁴ Rev. Nicholas Street (Yale 1751), the minister of East Haven, was married in the following December, to a young parishioner.

⁵ The meeting house of the Separate Society was called the Blue Meeting House, this being the earliest known occurrence of the name. Cf. *Collections* of New Haven Colony Historical Society, i, 113.

⁶ Dr. Stiles's father-in-law.

a handsome Invitation to all y^e. gent^{mm}. of a Lib. Educa. & of distinction to repair to y^e. house of y^e. rev. m^r. N. for refreshment; where we had a most sumptuous, splendid & brilliant entertainment & very friendly Interview.

Things at y^e. west side¹ seem to be ripening apace for a parting between M^r. birdsey & pple. Baszil² has pluck^d. up stakes at farmington & is return^d. to y^e. old hive. Numbers here are enlisted under Cap^t. Hide. Ashbel³ is step^d. aside—I dont certainly know to what distant clime. We like Prince (to go into []'s phraisiology) tolerably, pretty well. I long for y^e gazeteer. I am thankful to M^r. Dayton & you for procuring Prince. My kind regards to all friends. My Love to you & your bosom friend. Let me hear from you as soon & as often as you can. Your uncle John is now at my house. To add no more, I am

Your affectionate father

ISAAC STILES.

JOHN STORRS

Born in Mansfield, Connecticut, in 1735, and graduated at Yale in 1756, in a Class of which Dr. Stiles was the Tutor. He was now a Tutor in College, and became a minister in Southold, Long Island. He died in Mansfield in 1799. His son, grandson, and great-grandson bore the name of Richard Salter Storrs, and successively extended its fame.

Rev^d. & dear S^r.

Yours dated y^e. 19th. Instn^t. p^r. Fav^r. of M^r. Rumreill I have recieved, & according to your Desire have used my Endeavour y^t. he should be introduced to y^e Public Divertions, & intend to use still further my best Endeavours y^t. his stay with us may be Pleasurable to him. Should have been extreamly glad to have had the Pleasure of seeing you here & of drinking a little wine with you, & should hardly think myself Criminal if upon such a joyful Occasion I should get a little *Coagy* (as you were pleased to spell it.) We have a very peaceable & pleasant Commencement,

¹ West Haven Society, Rev. Nathan Birdsey pastor. He resigned his charge in the following June.

² Basil Munson, husband of the writer's daughter Kezia.

³ A son of the writer.

very few of the Rustic Tribe. Several of my Class are here, viz. Mess: Williams, Breck, Bush & Bardwell. M^r. Williams sends his Dutiful Regards to you. I send 2 Theses by M^r. Rumreill; y^e. Catalogues¹ were not printed this Year. In y^e. Masters Thesis you will find M^r. Andrews² Name & Thesis erased y^e. Reason w^{ch}. is as follows. He has seen England & felt a Bishops Hand & now seems to think y^e. Honours of Yale Beneath Him; and also treated his Class with no small Neglect w^{ch}. they took ill of him; as soon as they mistrusted y^t. he did not design to take a Degree with them they sent to him to know y^e. Truth & asked y^e. Reason whether he had mett with any Affrunt from y^e. Class, he s^d. he had not; but y^t. he did not think it worth his while to take a degree with them; & immediately left y^m. w^{ch}. insensed y^m. considerably, upon w^{ch}. y^r. made application to y^e. Corporation to know w^t. y^r. should do, & urged y^t. since he would not appear to Defend y^e. Thesis set to his Name, & y^r. looking upon it false as he held it it ought to be erased³ & since he did not have any of y^e. Charge of y^e. Printing of y^e. Theses, his Name ought also to be erased & y^e. Corporation approved of it.—The End of y^e. Vacation will be y^e. Usual Time I suppose for it will begin at y^e. Usual Time.—Ten Freshmen have been examined but none absolutely accepted y^t. it may be a Spur to y^m. to study. Y^r. are told y^t. if y^r. Diligently prosecute y^{er}. Studies tis probable y^r. will be admitted next Fall. have nothing new. Tis a general Time of Health in y^e. Town & College.—Not much Disturbance has hapned of late in College of any kind.—I am now much in y^e. same broken State as to my Health as I was when at your House, utterly unable to prosecute any Business to Effect & w^t. will be y^e. Event I know not.—M^r. John Hotchkiss took his 2^d. Deg: wth. y^e. Masters.—Should be very glad to hear from you as oft as Opportunity offers. Please to give my most affectionate Compliments to M^{dm} your Lady and accept of Dutiful & most kind Regards

from your sincere Friend & Humble Serv^t.

J^N^o. STORRS.

New Haven, July 23. 1762.

¹ The lists of graduates, usually issued triennially.

² Samuel Andrews (Yale 1759), of Wallingford.

³ N. B. It was put in merely out of Compliment to him.

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN STRATFORD,
CONNECTICUT

Sr.,
Stratford, January y^e. 2^d. 1755.

These Lines are to acquaint you with y^e. proceedings of y^e. Church Wardens & Vestery of y^e. Church of England in Stratford on y^e. 1st. day of this instant Jan^r. by the advice of y^e. Rev^d. M^r. Beach.¹ We have voted that application be made to your Self directly to See wheather you could be prevailed with to Come to us & Read prayers in our Church for us & See wheather you & we can so agree as that you may in some time here after take orders for us to be our Minister; & it was also voted that M^r. Timothy Sherman, one of y^e. Church Wardens, should acquaint you with these proceedings as soon as possable.

TIMOTHY SHERMAN } Church
ELIPHALET CURTISS } Wardens

EDMUND LEWIS }
JOHN BENJAMIN } Vestry
NATHAN CURTISS } men
ELNATHAN PEAT }
NATHAN OSBORN }
SAM^l. FOLSOM }

WILLIAM TENNENT

Son of the Rev. William Tennent, Jr., pastor of the Presbyterian Church in Freehold, New Jersey, where he was born in 1740. He was graduated at Princeton in 1758, and was settled over the Congregational Church in Norwalk, Connecticut, in 1765. In 1772 he became pastor of an Independent Church in Charleston, South Carolina, where he died in 1777.

Dear Sir

It is long since I rec^d. your kind fav^r. by M^r. Badger. Should have answered it sooner but had mislaid the enclos'd paper which

¹ Dr. Samuel Johnson (Yale 1714) had recently resigned the rectorship of this church, and the Rev. John Beach (Yale 1721), of Newtown, had declined a call to be his successor. Mr. Stiles, now a tutor in Yale, had shown no predilection for Episcopacy, but it was evidently thought that he might be tempted by an offer; it had, however, no effect.

serves as an Answer to your Queries concerning the Baptists, with only this exception that great Numbers of people on the frontiers of these Governments are Baptists for want of an Opport^y. of being anything else as there are no preachers but the poor Creatures which they send out. Other Denominations insist upon some Qualifications for the Office. They desire no more than pretensions to a kind of Demi-inspiration. I find the non-episcopal Interest has been egregiously neglected in this province. We have but three professedly congregational Churches, all now under my direction. I am building a second large house of Worship in this place which will easily be filled if I get a Colleague to my mind. The illiberality of the scotch presbytereans in this Country has bro't that Denomination into Contempt. I do not join them tho moderately presbyterian in sentiment. The Episcopalians here are highly enraged at your tory Clergy who are desirous of episcopal principallities, and many of the first in the province do declare to me that they will turn Dissenters in a Body if the parliament offers to send Bishops over. The Spirit of constitutional Freedom runs too high here to admit of any Check at present. N. England in a state of Martyrdom rises here in Reputation every day. Shall alwais take pleasure in giving you any Information in my power or any other Service & am

Rev^d. & dear Sir

Your most humble Serv^t. & Brother

W^m. TENNENT.

Charlestown 18th. Aug^t. 1774.

JOSEPH THAXTER, JUNIOR

Born in Hingham, Massachusetts, in 1742, and graduated at Harvard College in 1768. He was present at the battle of Bunker Hill, and at the date of this letter was a chaplain in the army. From 1780 to his death in 1827 he was pastor of the church in Edgartown, Massachusetts.

Rev^d. Sir

I have wrote you an Account of the Proceedings of the 19 of April 1775 which I shall enclose in this. Should there be any thing which you want should be more particular, upon Information I shall be ready to inform you to the best of my Knowledge.

Having taken up my Pen, cannot forbear giving you an Account of a late glorious Engagement at Sea as I have it from the People on board the Privateer. Cap^t. Tillinghast in the Privateer *Independence* of 8 Guns 4 & 3 Pounders & 38 men fell in with one 16 Gun Ship, one 14 Gun Ship & a Brig armed with which he engaged, the 16 Gun Ship which was manned with 17 Sailors, a Serjeant & 12 Privates being Recruits going to New York. He fought them a considerable Time at a Distance & then resolutely boarded her; only 9 of his men got on board, who soon cleared the Deck, drove them all into the Hold & shut them in the Privateer, then run in between the 16 Gun Ship & the 14 which was coming up on the other side. He gave her three broad Sides & she sheared of. He then came along side the 16 Gun Ship which his 9 brave Fellows had kept & took out the Prisoners. Cap^t. Tillinghast was wounded & 3 of his men; two others were killed; on board the Prize the Serjeant & two sailors were killed, the Cap^t. & seven others wounded. This was a brave Action & is an Example worthy the Imitation of every American. Would [] our men distinguish themselves like Cap^t. Tillinghast & his brave officers & men America would soon have none to make her afraid. We have no other News. . . .

With highest Esteem yours

JO THAXTER JUN^r.

Providence

Nov. 24, 1776 Sabbath Ev.

JOHN TRUMBULL

Son of Governor Jonathan Trumbull, of Lebanon, Connecticut; born in 1756, and graduated at Harvard in 1773. He entered the Revolutionary army, and attained the rank of Colonel, but in 1780 went to London to study art. He returned to America in 1789. He died in 1843, and was buried in New Haven, where a collection of his paintings had been deposited in 1831.

London July 21st. 1784.

Sir,

I had the honor to receive your letter of the 11th. of February, some days since, which no opportunity has since offer'd of answering until now . . .

I have not yet attempted to begin the Picture¹ which you honor me by saying you hope to have in your public Library. I find myself so imperfect in my profession, that I would not willingly expose one of my productions to the public Eye, in a place at once so honorable, & so much an object of the Attention of foreigners as well as our own Countrymen—and tho' what I now do, might please my friends & myself at present: yet we should be mortified a few years hence to see so poor a monument of so good a man, so conspicuously exposd.

With your leave therefore, I propose to defer this untill my return to America, which will not be longer than three years, when I trust I shall have it in my power to gratify your wishes with a work, which shall not be dishonorable either to the Father or the Son.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

with great Respect,

Your most Obedient Servant

JN^o. TRUMBULL.

JONATHAN TRUMBULL, LL.D.

He was born in Lebanon, Connecticut, in 1710, and was graduated at Harvard College in 1727. He was Governor of the Colony and State of Connecticut from 1769 to 1783, and died in 1785.

Lebanon, 15th. March 1778.

Sir,

Your kind Fav^r. of 29th. Jan^{ry}. last came late to Hand. I should have done myself the pleasure however e'er this of mak^g. you a Reply, but for the Public Business of an Assembly & an Indisposition of Body with which I have been severely exercised for some Time past. I am very sorry I cannot now have the Pleasure to inform you of a happy Coalition of Sentiment between the Com^{tee}. of Assembly & the Corporation. The Matter has lingered till this Time & remains still undetermined. I dare not give you any great Encouragement from my Ideas of its Issue—yet should be far from throw^g. any Discouragement in the Way of your Acceptance of the Offer made you from the Corporation—it would

¹ A portrait of the author's father. The author presented such a portrait to Yale in 1821.

give me great Pleasure to see you at the Head of the Seminary of Learning in this State—and I cannot but flatter myself that your Assistance would be of peculiar Influence in producing that Harmony between the Government & the College, so essential to the Wellbeing of the latter. Tis probable, your Answer to the Congregation of Portsmouth is, before this Time given—my Sentiments on that Head therefore will not be needfull. I cannot however omit repeat^d. to you, how much Pleasure it would afford me to see you at the Head of Yale College—not so much perhaps from the Ideas I can entertain of the immediate & present Satisfaction you will probably experience in that Situation—as from the Prospect of your Ability to render essential Benefit to the Republic of Learning—the Reflection on which will never fail to afford you a happy Prospect of future Reward.

I am

Sir with much Regard & Esteem

Your most humble Servant

JONth. TRUMBULL.

PELATIAH WEBSTER

Born in Lebanon, Connecticut, in 1726, and graduated at Yale in 1746, in the Class with Dr. Stiles. After a brief ministerial career, ending in 1755, he settled in Philadelphia as a teacher and merchant. His studies on currency and finance were of great value to the United States government. He died in 1795.

Philadelphia Sept^r. 28, 1765.

Dr. Sir,

I Rec^d. y^r. of 24th. ult. per Fav^r. of M^r. West. Am obliged to you for your kind Remembrance of me. My fortune in the World is I think pretty Singular, & in Many Respects disagreeable, in Some *very*, *Very* painfull, but in none is it so Intollerable as to be Incapable of Alleviation by Friendship. Your Observations are very Just & Good & have peculiar Weight with me because I know they proceed from a Man of Genuine Integrity of Heart. May the Universal Father return to you all the blessing you wish me, & prevent you ever needing the Deliverance you so kindly hope I may experience.

Faith & Patience are put to a severe Trial in Afflictions of so cutting a Nature & long Duration as those I feel. What future Scenes this *furnace* may purify & prepare me for, I don't know, but as yet, (Whatever be the Almighty's Design,) his Work appears a *strange Work*. I am at present in my Germantown School where I attend on Latin Schollars only which besides Latin are taught Logic, Geography & the first Principles of Geometry & Mathem.—an easy Life eno' but too much confin'd & retir'd. I have a very Reputable Acquaintance with some of the Best fortunes of this province, am made very Welcome to them & Treated with a seeming Respect. But I suppose my Interest does not lie very Near their Hearts. I am pursuing some Schemes to Mend my circumstances & seem to have some faint prospects of success—but have been so often disappointed & made the Tennis ball of Fortune, that I have no great Depend^{ce}. on any thing. . . .

The Stamp act makes a great Noise here but we have not yet burnt our Stamp Man, but I believe there is not much Danger of his outliving the first Essays to execute his office. Dues det otium.

Vive, Vale & Beatus este. I am

All Y^{rs}.

P. WEBSTER.

P. S. My Complim^{ts}. to M^{rs}. Stiles. Congratulate you both on y^e birth of a sixth Child. I am well pleas^d. to hear of a Plentiful Growth of Little Uzz'ds. I condole with you the Loss of good Gov^r. Ellery. Desire you wou^d. communicate any Intelligence you can get of my C. Affairs, & an viva an mortua est Causa Malorum.

P. S. 2. I was last Summer at Charlestown, S^o. Carolina. Was Introduced by Genteel Recomendations from Philad^a. to the politest people of the Town & pass^d. near a Month very agreeably among that truly hospitable & polish^d. people . . .

The Town consists of about 1000 houses, mostly built of a very pale sort of Brick, but not very grand. Their Streets are laid out regularly at right angles, & are from 20 to 60 feet wide. A vast Deal of fortifications once begun but not finish^d & now in Ruins, are to be seen all round y^e. Town. They have 2 Chh. Eng^d. Chhs., 1 Presbyterian, 1 Indep^t. call^d the New England Chh., 1 Dutch do., 2 Baptist, 1 french; the Two Eng. Chhs. are somewhat Stately,

y^e. rest small.—The province contⁿ. Inhabitants abo't 20,000 Whites, 80,000 Blacks. Their produce is Rice, 1000 Barrels; Indigo, 450,000 lb. yearly; Naval Stores, & Lumber. The Manufacture of Hemp is begun & like to do well but is yet but small.—They have no considerable means of Learning. Their politer people send their Children to London for Education. They have a pretty Library, with a good Fund, & a convenient & pleasant Lot of Ground on the North part of the Town for a College which they talk of building, but have not begun it yet.

—I see the Rice & Indigo growing & the Apparatus for manufacturing both; but no Example of it, it not being the proper Season. I was there in May & June, their Harvest is July.—I had several small Tours into the Country to some neighboring Country Seats, but the Land appear^d. very Dry & Barren.—The people are polite & hospitable to a Great Degree & their Conversation very free from Scandal.—Their Eyes are much on New England in the present Crisis, as are those of all the Southern Governm'ts. May dear N. England set them a good & safe Example. Prays

P. WEBSTER.

CHAUNCEY WHITTELSEY

Born in Wallingford, Connecticut, in 1717, and graduated at Yale in 1738. He was a tutor of Dr. Stiles's Class during their College course. After a business career in New Haven, he was ordained and installed as pastor of the First Church here in 1758, and held that office until his death in 1787.

New Haven Sept^r. 25, 1759.

Recd. & Dr. Sr.,

The most remarkable thing that I can inform you of from among us, is relating to our late Proxy, which was last Week, at which time, you know, the Freemen not only choose Representatives, but also twenty Gentlemen to stand in the Nomination, or as Candidates for Assist^s. next May. You must know that Wallingford Minor Party,¹ and indeed the Consociation-Gentlemen, were not at all pleased with the Doings of the Assembly and especially the Disposition of the Upper House last May. I must also tell you,

¹ The party who opposed the settlement of the Rev. James Dana in 1758 over the First Church in Wallingford.

that the Sup^r. Court in August last gave Judgment in Fav^r. of Father Noyes,¹ granting him for the last Year's Salary and Wood, £130.0.0. Lawfull Mony, at which M^r. Birds People were not a little disgusted. Whereupon New Haven and Wallingford Male Contents have united to attempt a mighty Change in Governm^t.; and there are some pretty strong Suspicions that the Pres^t.² with some of the Consociation Clergy wer at y^e. Bottom of the Scheme. The Gentlemen to be dropt out of the Administration were the Gov^r. and Mess^s. Newton, Silliman, Burr, Chester, Woolcot, Edwards and Hamlin³;—instead of which were to be advanced Mess^s. Walker, Wooster, Ledyear &c. &c. &c. Who was to be for Gov^r. I think, was not fully agreed, as you know the Time for choosing Gov^r. is not till Spring. To effect the Scheme, Nominations were drawn up and Emissaries sent out with them from Dan to Beersheba, to spread groundless Reports to the Prejudice of the Gov^r. &c. and to stir up the Disaffected. But all to little or no purpose so far as we are yet able to judge. We hear from the various Parts of the Colony, that the Emissaries had been using their Influence in almost every Place; but their Scheme was rather despised than approved of by the Body, and better part, of the People so far as we have heard. At our Meeting M^r. Clap, Dagget, Woodhull &c. voted for Mess^s. Sherman and Lyman Deputies; but we beat them, and chose Coll. Hubbard & M^r. Whiting. At Wallingford were chosen by a full Majority B^r. Charles & Cap^t. Sam^l. Hall—&c. so that I am in hopes we shall yet be able to stand them, as old Pomp said. And I believe the President has so far at least countenanced the Scheme, that it will lower his Sails somewhat, or else oblige him to tell a Fibb, to vindicate himself. But we shall know more, when the Assembly meets.

I herewith send you a small Pamphlet, M^r. Hobart on Hart. In which M^r. Hobart sets up for the Authority of Councils & Consociations, Jure divino &c. as you'll see. I suppose M^r. Eells, Middleton, has a p^t. now in the Press against Father Todd. I

¹ Joseph Noyes, Mr. Whittelsey's predecessor in the pulpit of the 1st Church, New Haven; the Society had not yet been divided, and the attendants of the White Haven Church (Mr. Bird, minister) were in the majority.

² President Clap, of Yale.

³ Governor Fitch and the Assistants here named were all reelected in May following, except Roger Wolcott, Jr., who was replaced by Shubael Conant.

expect M^r. Hart will have a Reply ready very soon; and so we go at it hammer and Tongs; you know the old Controversie abo^t. *Liberty* and *Prerogative* must be canvassed once in a Century; and besides, these Commotions, or what we commonly call Disputes and Contentions are, I apprehend, of the same use in the moral State, as Storms are in the Atmosphere or other Commotions in the natural World. . . .

CHAUNCY WHITTELSEY.

Rev^d. Sir,

New Haven Jan^y. 20, 1762.

The week before last I sent you the Copy of Yale College Charter, and was then (I told you), setting off to Ordination at Middletown,¹ where I found the Affairs had been well conducted. The Current was so strong both in Church and Society against the Consociation, that none dare to appear for it, tho' it was supposed that a few were inclined, however they never discovered themselves. The Church, by their Com^{tee}. chosen for that end sent for the ordaining Council; the Ministers and Churches sent to, were ten nearest Neighbours, within the District, and five from abroad, viz. Messrs. Devotion, Dorr, Russell Windsor, Hooker Northampton, and Goodridge Durham. They all sat in Council, Devotion preached and laid on Hands, and Russell gave the right hand of Fellowship. M^r. Boardman was ordain'd at Middlehaddam, the day preceding; I was not there, but I understand that the Ordination was not carried on by the Consociation, but by a Council called by the Church, the whole belonging to the District, but not the whole, and, I think, not half of the District. So much for Middletown.

Mount Carmell are still between Hawly and Buzzard; they have not yet brought the Consociation to tryall; yet have proceeded to give M^r. Hawley a Call, but have not made him Proposals, but appointed a Com^{tee}. to confer with him upon Terms and to make Report—so *that* matter stands. Among the People thro' the Colony, the Ballance is plainly in favour of Liberty, and M^r. Devotion says it is among the *Clergy* in *their Parts*. They may possibly uphold Consociation Ordinations in this County for a Season, but they will not obtain, I think, in any District to the Eastward or Northward of us. . . .

¹ Of Enoch Huntington (Yale 1759) over the 1st Church in Middletown.

I have a few Words to say in Behalf of an ingenious young Gentleman, and in behalf of the publick, which ought not to be deprived of the good Service he is capable of Doing. I mean, M^r. Garnsey¹ of Durham; he preached for me some time since, and appears to me quite an honest, ingenious, serious, religious young Gentleman; he lived with M^r. Brick,² and for that Reason, and because in the late Controversy he has appeared upon the side of Liberty, he is not set up, but rather frowned upon by M^r. Clap, M^r. Eells, and some such great Folks; and I fear they will at present hinder his settling in these parts. Should you know of any Place, where such a Candidate is wanted, I would recommend *him*.

Your Proposal of printing some of my Sermons, I think must be postponed for the present; I cannot well please myself, but besides our Press is engaged.—I enquired of the Printer about a Month ago; but he seemd to think the Press was engaged mainly for the Winter, as they can do but little when the Weather is cold.

Should you make any Progres in the Affair of a Colledge³ I should be glad to hear of it; I heartily wish you Success therein; I was not long since reading a Treatise wrote by one Burgh, who is, I understand Instructor to one of the Dissenting Academies in England; he maintains, that 40, or 50 is as many Students, or Pupils, as should belong to one College or Academy at a time. Be that as it will, your Governm^t. have as good a right to a Seminary of Learning as any other, and had you a Colledge of your own, Learning would undoubtedly be in Credit and prevail among you, much more than it otherwise will.

M^{rs}. Whittelsey joins me in sincere Regards to M^{rs}. Stiles. I hope the Disaster that has happened to her B^r. M^r. Daniel,⁴ wont discompose her Mind; it is a very uncertain World, and Disappointments in Life are capable of being improved to much moral Advantage.

I am S^r. your Friend & Brother

CHAUNCY WHITTELEY.

¹ Ebenezer Garnsey, or Guernsey (Yale 1757). His health soon failed, and he died in 1763.

² Rev. Robert Breck, of Springfield, Massachusetts, his theological instructor.

³ The earliest known reference to Dr. Stiles's interest in founding a College in Rhode Island. Compare the opening sentence of this letter, and Bronson, *History of Brown University*, 14.

⁴ Daniel Hubbard (Yale 1748) died in New Haven in 1765. His first wife died in 1760. This passage may refer to the death of children.

New Haven July 23, 1762.

Rev^d. & Dear Sir,

I rec^d. a Line from you by M^r. Rumerill, by w^c. I perceive yore yet live and sometimes think of New-Haven and old Yale. Commencem^t. for the Year 1762 is passed; what the Presid^t. intended, I know not, or whether his expectations were answered; I am sometimes ready to think, he only aims by new things and unusual Methods of managing, to make People attend to *him*, to render himself *somebody*. What his Design was in having Commencement now,¹ is not apparent; he not only sent Letters to the Masters throughout the Country, three or four Weeks beforehand, but about a Fortnight ago gave publick Notice of it in the Hall, and as it was, by that means, universally known before, so there was a considerable Gathering of the Clergy and others Male and Female, not so many, as at a usual publick Commencem^t., many being prevented from coming by the Heat, or by the urgent Business of the Season, scorning to Dance after the old Mans Whims. But a Commencem^t. we have had, pro more &c. The publick Performances were pretty good; a Salutatory Oration made by M^r. Huntington,² the Almanack-Maker, & a Valedictory by his B^r. M^r. Huntington³ of Midleton—both well done, excepting that they exceeded in Length. The Theses are some of them Sandemanism & some of them no ism at all, unless it be Clapism.

We went to Association, found Father Hall⁴ as full of Ill Nature, as you would wish; because we were there, and acted in chusing Moderator and Scribe, he was so disturbed, that he could not compose his Mind to go to Prayer for sometime &c.

They directed y^r. Delegates, viz. Merrick & Williams, to exhibit a Complaint or Information to the general Association ag^t. Mess^{rs}. Hart and Devotion, and their Churches, for holding Communion with Dana &c., and to ask their Opinion & Advice thereon. The General Association have given their Opinion and Advice that the Association, to which M^r. Hart &c belong sh^d. call them to Acc^t. &c. Since which, I understand, Father Eliot has laid the same thing before his Chh, who voted Communion unanimously and desired M^r. Eliot to change with M^r. Dana. M^r. Hart, I

¹ The regular time of Commencement was in September.

² Joseph Huntington, afterwards minister of Coventry.

³ Rev. Enoch Huntington (Yale 1759).

⁴ Rev. Samuel Hall (Yale 1716), of Cheshire.

have seen since; he is in high Spirits about the Matter & ready to stand them. . . .

Y^r. Fellow Lab^r. & humble Serv^t.

CHAUNCY WHITTESEY.

New Haven, March 9, 1765.

Rev^d. & Dr. S^r.,

Sandeman has been much the Subject of Conversation in these parts, the winter past; tho' he has not yet paid us a Visitt, and it is uncertain whether he will.¹ He treated M^r. White,² much as he did M^r. Pike of London; he could not persuade M^r. White and his Adherents to adopt *their* peculiar Plan of Worship and Discipline, at which (the Report is) he was not a little displeased, and soon left them and went to New York; he preached for Mess^s. White, Ingersoll, and Tailor, and for no other publicly. The first Society in Stratford appointed a Committee to invite him, but before they made Application to him, he was gone to the westward. M^r. Whites Party at Danbury is not strengthened, but rather weaken^d. by his Coming. M^r. Warner,³ the week before last, was ordained over the Society there. Last week, M^r. Meriam⁴ was ordained at Stepny or Rocky Hill, and M^r. Dennison⁵ at Middlefield (not by the Consociation). In this County we remain in Statu quo; except that, I think, the Chh of England, gradually gains upon us; which indeed was to be expected from the high Claims of the Consociation and the Dissentions occasioned thereby; to that Petition, with which you concluded one of your Letters to me ("May God preserve our Chhs, amidst all attacks") I heartily say, *Amen*. . . .

The State of Affairs in the Nation to me appears dark and threatening; the Nation immensely in debt, a general Uneasiness with the Administration found among the People, the Romish Religion gradually increasing in G^t. Brittain, as the Chh of England does in New England, France and Spain evidently seeking a

¹ Sandeman visited New Haven May 21, 1766, while on his way from Boston to Danbury.

² Ebenezer White (Yale 1733), who had been dismissed from his pastorate in Danbury for Sandemanianism.

³ Noadiah Warner (Yale 1759).

⁴ Burrage Merriam (Yale 1762).

⁵ Joseph Denison (Yale 1763).

Quarrell with us, The King of Prussia disgusted with us, the Dutch either indolent or covetous, or diffident of us:—But—God reigns over all. Unless the Iniquity of our Nation is such, that we are Ripe for Ruin, or need very sore Correction, I hope that the same Hand w^{ch}. has once and again been made bare for our Defence, will still appear for our Help, for the Help of our Nation and of these American and New England Collonies. Love to M^r. Stiles, from Y^r. affectionate

Friend & B^r.

CHAUNCY WHITTELEY.

New Haven, April 16, 1765.

Rev^d. & Dr. Sr.—

I rec^d. your's per Capt Benham with the Paper containing the Virginia Addresses. I liked them well; but no Addresses, Remonstrances, or Argument. will prevail; I rec^d. a Letter from M^r. Ingersol¹ a few Days ago, in w^{ch}. he writes me, that "a Stamp Duty on the Colonies is *determined* upon." The Resolves of the Commons upon it, you have doubtless seen; from this time, says M^r. Johnson, date the *Slavery* of y^e. Colonies. However what we can't avoid, we must bear; and it will be expedient to use the best Œconomy & by lessening the Number of Law-Suits, escape the Duty as far as may be; yet after all it will be a very heavy Burden upon us, and the more so, as the Mony collected will go from the Country, and not return to circulate, unless in Case of another American War. How the Duty is to be collected I don't yet learn, nor can I easily conceive; there will, I suppose, be a great Number of Officers, to be supported in Idleness; but whether our Juries will set aside a Note, well executed, merely because it is not wrote upon Stamp Paper, is made a Query of by some. But if Law-proceedings will fail, unless such Paper is used, how will they force the Use of it for Diplomas, Almanacks, &c. Pray tell me, what are all our boasted Charter Priviledges, if we are thus liable to have any proportion of our Interest taken from us, whether we will or no, & without our Consent or Voice. They are afraid at home the Colonies will become Independ^t. and prove disloyal:—not that they ever have discovered, at any time,

¹ Jared Ingersoll (Yale 1742), of New Haven, now in London; his wife and the first wife of the writer were sisters.

a disloyal Spirit, but the contrary. But query is it prudent, in a Parent to correct a Child severely,—for fear he should be disobedient and run away? a Child that always has been dutifull, and still discovers & professes a Disposition entirely dutifull? But this Duty, (if laid) is laid by the Parliament of G^t. Brittain; it must therefore be wise and right and best. Nisi humanum est errare. I shall want to hear, how the Assemblies in one Province and another receive it, and whether any further Measures will be taken to obtain Redress. . . .

Your Friend and Brother in J. C.

CHAUNCY WHITTELEY.

New Haven, Dec^r. 24, 1765.

Rev^d. & Dr. Sir,

I this day rec^d. your friendly Letter of the 17th. inst^t., and very sincerely rejoice and congratulate you, upon the Respect you have rec^d. both from Dr. Franklin and the University of Edinburgh. . . .

Politically Affairs, with us, are still unsettled. Mr. Ingersoll¹ has been visited by Committee after Com^{tee}. from the eastern, uneasy part of y^e. Colony, and they have the Assurance, (or may I not say, Impudence) to go and Catechise Mr. Silliman and even the Govern^r. The Gov^r. and four Councillors (who administered the Oath to the Gov^r.) are threatened with Political Death, next Election, and I fear, some of them will be executed, yet hope the Rage of the Mobility will be abated before the Winter is past.

We hear, via N. York, by private Intelligence that the New Ministry had concluded to attempt the Relief of the American Colonies, both as to the Stamp Act, and the late Acts of Trade; but hearing of the Violences committed in Boston and Newport, they were thereupon disconcerted in their Designs, and a Stop was put, at least for the present, to the Schemes they were forming, and the Measures they intended.

I am much concerned about the State and Issue of publick Affairs, especially on Acc^t. the Vileness committed among ourselves; but I hope for Light, to arise out of Darkness. Mr. Whittelsey bids

¹Jared Ingersoll (Yale 1742) had been compelled to resign the office of Stamp-Distributor in September.

you Joy of your New Garters and joins me in Compliments to M^{rs}. Stiles—from y^r. Brother & Humble Serv^t.

CHAUNCY WHITTELEY.

New Haven, July 9, 1766.

Rev^d. & Dr. Sr.,

I thankfully acknowledge your Fav^{rs}. by Capt. Whiting, and Dr. Lev^t. Hubbard. . .

Sandemanianism is as it was among us, M^r. Woodhull Solus; he openly and publickly declares that the several Worshiping Assemblies in these parts are *Synagogues of Satan*; and especially the *Colledge*—at the mention of which, I am almost ready to weep; Alma Mater is truly in a deplorable Situation, and I fear will be ruined. The Dr. I doubt not, told you the State of Colledge, when he was with you.

After the Spring Vacancy the Scholars, partly (not half) came together, no Tutors, for some time no Business. At length the Pres^t. and Professor undertook to instruct those that were here and would attend (for they did not so much as pretend to govern or constrain), each of them two Classes. Thus the good old Lady seemed just to breath, but ready to expire.

Last Week the C^{or}poration mett Monday night¹; and held their Meeting till Thursday afternoon.—at which Meeting, Pres^t. Clap desired to resign his Office; the Corporation desired him to retain it, at least till Commencem^t.² They also dismissed the scholars for the present, and untill the end of next Vacancy, or Six Weeks after Commencem^t., which is to be held at the usual Time. The Report in Town, since the Corporation Meeting is, that Pres^t Clap does and will continue in his Office, so as to preside at Commencem^t. and then ———.

It is certainly unhappy that so considerable, so important an Interest sh^d. sink in discredit, and become useless; but I very much fear it will be the Case, in a great Degree; but wherfore,

¹ June 30.

² "When you was in the country you knew that the Tutors at Nhaven were hissed off the field by the Students. This month Mr. Woodhull assures that President Clap is now obliged to resign. Only he remains till September to prepare his senior class for their degree. So the doctrine of the kingdom of heaven has given one compleat overthrow to that College gloried in as the very fountain of orthodoxy."

Sandeman to Nath. Barrell, Danbury, July 18, 1766.

I am by no means able to conceive. I have not the least doubt but that the Scholars, might be reduced to order and a good Temper, with very little Difficulty, and Yalensis beget a flourishing Society. But ———.

It is my Desire and Hope that God will still spare and bless so useful a Seminary; and in this I know you heartily unjite with

Y^r. B^r. and Fellow Labourer

CHAUNCY WHITTELSEY.¹

Love to Sister Stiles.

New Haven, Augth. 8, 1766.

Dr. Br. Stiles

Y^{rs}. of Monday I rec^d. yesterday, but had none p^r. M^r. Ewing. Ergo—D^r. 1.

I should be very glad Pres^t. Clap could be persuaded to tarry, at least, a little longer at College, and try a somewhat different Regimen, from what he has used; but you know, I have of late Years very little Influence with him; to save that very valuable Seminary from sinking into Contempt, I would be willing to act the Tutor myself, for half a Year, and even run the Venture of having my Orthodoxy examined by the Corporation; I make not the least doubt but that were *you* or *I* there as Tutors, and had the Interest there we once had, Mad^m. Yale with her Sons might yet (and soon) see Tranquility, and again flourish. But perhaps I am mistaken, and human Nature is different in Yalensian Youth,

¹ C	Whitman	C	Stoddard	C	Webb	E	Noyes
E	Eliot	E	Whittelsey	E	Marsh	C	Lord
C	Cook	C	Williams				

The above list of the Yale Trustees at the date of President Clap's election, endorsed by Dr. Stiles on this letter, gives his understanding of the respective preferences in 1739 for Thomas Clap and Daniel Edwards (Yale 1720), but the list is inaccurate.

Another list follows, of the Corporation in 1766, with indications of their presumed preferences for a successor to Pres. Clap (*viz.*, Professor Daggett, Jared Ingersoll, Rev. James Lockwood, Ezra Stiles, Noah Welles):—

L	W	D	Lord	L	W	D	Dickinson
			Ruggles		S		Lockwood
I	W	D	Whitman	L	W	D	Eells
L	I		Williams	L	S	D	Merrick
L	W		Hobart	L	S		Beckwith

from what it once was; but I rather think the influence of the first Lapse [?] is nearly the same at this Day as it was then.

I know not how to leave the Subject of College; it lies with much weight upon my Mind. Leaving College used to be greivous, it is so to me now, for I really fear she is in a declining, if not a Hectic State.

But I must pass on 2^{ly}. to Litchfield Consociation. M^r. Hobart,¹ you know in answer to y^e explanation of Seabrook &c. asserts Consociation Power, Judicial and Jure divino. The Ministers in Litchfield County have of late set themselves to look into y^e Controversy, make it the Subject of Debate very much when together and of Study, when apart. Upon mature Consideration they have universally admitted the Explanation, at least as the only Sense in which the Platform can be rec^d. & held. And M^r. Bellamy has wrote an Answer to M^r. Hobart, which the Ministers of the County are thumbing, and which, I hear, is to be published soon, when corrected. Maxima est Veritas et prevalebit.

3. Coalition with Synod—Presbyterianism (I mean high) as well as Episcopacy must be avoided; the Plan, if any, must be catholic yet well guarded; but I rather think nothing will be done. The Clergy in this Colony can't agree among themselves. . . .

CHAUNCY WHITTELSEY.

New Haven, June 30, 1768.

Dear Sir

. . . . Have you lately read M^r. Edwards *on the Will*, and considered his Scheme? It is recited at our Colledge, and is, at present, very much the Standard of Orthodoxy, in these parts, and to the Westward; and I fear the Consequences, *least Deism*, if not Atheism sh^d ensue. His Scheme, in proportion as it is admitted by any Mind, will, I think, unavoidably lessen the odiousness of Sin, in the view of that Mind; yea, if the Mind is not habitually virtuous before, will wholly destroy the Sinfulness of Sin. If his Scheme is rec^d. for true Orthodoxy, some, I fear, will become Deists from y^r. dislike of what is said to be orthodox Christianity; others will become practical, if not speculate Atheists by substituting, in their Minds, Fate instead of Deity, or necessity in the Room of an Intelligent Moral Governour. I own the Subject he

¹ Rev. Noah Hobart, of Fairfield.

treats upon is abstruse, and attended with Difficulties on either Side, and while his Book was regarded as a critical, metaphysical Treatise upon a dark, abstruse, unimportant Subject, I was little concerned about it; but now the Errors of Arminianism, are not only called Errors, but damnable or fatal Errors; and M^r. Edwards, you know, holds up his Subject to view, as of the utmost importance with reference to the Quinquarticular Points. Hence he from time to time speaks of the Arminian Notion of Liberty, which he asserts to be absurd and inconsistent, and of the Liberty, which Calvinists maintain, which he asserts to be the only possible Liberty in the Universe. By which Rate D^r. Watts is the Arminian, and M^r. Lock the Calvinist &c &c. . . .

Your B^r. in the Ministry and Patience of Jesus Christ,

CHAUNCY WHITTELSEY.

Sept^r. 17. 1769.—New Haven.

Rev^d. & Dear Sir,

. . . . M^r. Hopkins, I think, expects to settle among you. I esteem him a Man of good Sense; but I don't at all like the Cast of his Divinity: I have read most of his published Writings and heretofore heard him converse somewhat; his Divinity does not seem to be adapted to the Capacities of the Vulgar, nor does it appear to me to give the most Hon^{ble}. Character of that Being, to whom all Hon^r. is due. His Notions of Baptism, if he insists upon them, will increase the Chh. of England, or your Congregation, perhaps both.

A New Congregation,¹ viz. part of White Haven Society, mett, this day for the first time, in the Court House, for publick Worship; choosing, it seems, to hear Enos Tuttle pray and read, rather than to attend y^e. Ministrations of M^r. Edwards, or Hopkins. M^r. Bird is to give his Answer to Milford to morrow; what it will be, I know not, but rather expect it will be a Negative, altho' they offer him £120. p^r. An. and his Wood—but time will bring forth.

We have had a pretty agreeable Commencem^t.; the grand Convention of Ministers² set the Day after Commencem^t. but did nothing but appoint a Com^{tee}. of Correspondence, and adjourn.

¹ Afterwards known as the Fair Haven Society; reunited in 1796 with the White Haven Society as the United Society.

² Delegates from the Presbyterians and Congregationalists.

I rather think it's Credit declines; but the Western Gentlemen, and the more zealous Advocates for Consociation Power, among us, appear much engaged to have it upheld.

Meriden remains in Statu quo; M^r. Robbins of Branford, and I think, M^r. Chapman, of Southington, have preached a Lecture each, to the minor Party. Quere, would it be right & fitting for M^r. Dana and I to go and preach a Lecture to the Minor Party in Cheshire, or North Haven? . . .

Your affectionate Brother,

CHAUNCY WHITTELSEY.

SAMUEL WHITTELSEY

A brother of the preceding writer, born in 1713, and graduated at Yale in 1729. He was the minister of Milford, Connecticut, from 1737 to his death in 1768.

Milford May 30, 1764.

Reverend Sr.

I did not go to the Election at Hartford, nor have I had any Account how the Clergy there present look'd or acted. There hath been no remarkable Alterations in the Ecclesiastical Affairs of this County lately: Consociation-power still reigns. Doubtless before this you have received Inteligence of the Transactions at Danbury with respect to M^r. White; the Severity (as some esteem it) of the United Consociations in that Affair hath given Occasion to some on *that side of the Flood* to call in Question the Authority of Councils; yea, they dare to assert that all Ecclesiastical Councils are but Advisory; of this, I hope some good will come.

In this place the Church of England is now making her strongest Efforts, to which a late Seating of our Meeting-House, whereby some were disgusted, hath opened the Door: the Service is read among us every Sabbath-Day; and the neighbouring Clergymen are very officious in coming over to our Macedonia to strengthen & help the Brethren. What the Event will be is uncertain: under this & every threatening Aspect. I would acquiesce & solace my Self in this "the Lord reigneth." . . .

The Danger of the Loss of Charter Priviledges I bewail, while some among us (especially Episcopalians) rejoice at it; I fear the Divisions among our Selves have an unhappy Tendency to

hasten that Calamity upon us: and I heartily wish with you that a vigorous Remonstrance may be made to Parliament

Your Sincere Friend & Hum^l. Servant

SAMUEL WHITTELSEY.

EDWARD WIGGLESWORTH, JUNIOR

Son of Edward Wigglesworth, D.D., Professor of Theology in Harvard College; born in 1732, and graduated at Harvard in 1749. He succeeded his father in his office in 1765, and died in 1794.

Boston December 23^d. 1754.

Sir,

In return for your favour by M^r. Epes I present you with Two Lectures of my Father's, occasioned by the late Visit the Grand Itinerant¹ has made to New England. They were delivered at the two next Lectures following his preaching at Cambridge. He preached there without the Invitation or Consent of the Rev^d. M^r. Appleton. But his admiring Friends had not the Impudence to attempt his Admission into the Meeting House; as was the Case in Boston & several other Places, where the Ministers bore the greatest Dislike to the Itinerant's Conduct; but were contented with his preaching in the Market Place.

Tho' Cambridge would have been a very Proper Place for him to have made his Confession, if he had been in a very penitent Frame, yet He took not the least Notice of the Vile Aspersions, which he cast upon the College when he was here in the Year 1740.

I heard his last Sermon in Boston, in which he told us he could not leave the Town with a Quiet Conscience, unless he made the Acknowledgement, which he then did. But by any thing, which I can remember, that he then said, I am not at all sensible that he has in the least altered his mind with Relation to the Colleges or the Clergy of the Land. But he may still think that Christ & Christianity are scarce so much as named in our Colleges; & that the generality of the Ministers preach an unknown Christ. He acknowledged that he had spoken too freely both of Persons & Things & that he was sorry for it; but he did not tell us, that the account he formerly gave of our Clergy & Colleges, he now believed to be false. And he seemed to impute his misconduct

¹ George Whitefield.

wholly to the Rashness & Indiscretion of Youth. Neither did he appear sensible that his scandalous and injurious Remarks, which he has published, were the Occasion of the Confusion & Disorder, that overspread New England presently after he made his first Visit to it.

I had like to have forgot to tell you that there was not any Gentleman belonging to Cambridge, or any Graduate at the College, that attended him when he preached there. I should be glad, if you would take the Trouble to inform me whether he has been thro' your Colony & what Reception he met with.

My Father sends his Compliments to you. Please to make mine to M^r. Fitch & Hopkins.¹ I am, Sir,

Your most obedient Humble Servant,

EDWARD WIGGLESWORTH

JOHN WINTHROP

Born in Boston in 1714, and graduated at Harvard College in 1732. He was Professor of Mathematics and Natural Philosophy in Harvard from 1738 to his death in 1779.

Cambridge 17 April 1756.

Reverend Sir

Your favor of 18 Febry did not reach my hands till a few days ago. 'Tis a great pleasure to me to find my self supported in my sentiments concerning earthquakes, which were a little singular, by a Gentleman of your ingenuity & judgment. Since the earthquake, our pulpits have generally rung with terror, & earthquakes have been represented only as "indications of the *particular displeasure* of the Almighty." One rev. Gentleman in Boston was pleased lately to observe to his audience, that not one *Protestant* place had suffered in the late European earthquakes. What a narrow spirit of party do such observations discover? How unworthy of ministers of that God

"Who sees with *equal eye*, as *God of all*,
A hero perish," &c.

¹ The writer had been admitted to an *ad eundem* M.A. at New Haven in 1752, when Jonathan Fitch (Yale 1748) was Steward of the College, and Ezra Stiles and Samuel Hopkins (Yale 1749) were Tutors.

And how inconsistent with the express declaration of our Savior, in the case of the 18 who perished by the fall of the tower of Siloam; which perhaps was thrown down by an earthquake. But whether it was or was not, his words on that occasion can never, I think, be reconciled with such *particular* inferences from the dispensations of Providence, as have frequently been made of late. Were the inhabitants of *Lisbon* greater Sinners than the inhabitants of *London*, because they suffer'd such Things? For my part, I freely confess, my notions of the design of earthquakes are very different. I doubt not they are intended to answer very valuable purposes in the *natural* world; some of which, that most readily occur'd to my tho'ts, I threw together in my Lecture. But the general *moral* purpose of these, as well as of other terrifying phænomena, I fully believe to be, what you have express'd in your Letter. Were all the operations of nature conducted in one constant, uniform manner, without the interposition of any of these extraordinary scenes, I apprehend there would be the utmost danger, & indeed a moral certainty, that in the course of a few generations mankind would totally forget that there is a God that ruleth in the earth.

The damage done by earthquakes will, I humbly conceive, appear to an impartial eye, to be not so much the direct & immediate result of the operations of nature, as of the inventions of men; and by consequence such as might be in a great measure avoided or prevented by persuing other methods. What I particularly mean is, the erecting *lofty edifices of brick & stone*; which are easily shaken to pieces by earthquakes. We have a recent proof of this in the late terrible desolation at Lisbon, which was almost wholly owing to this manner of building. . . .

Y^r. Most obedient humble Servant.

JOHN WINTHROP.

WILLIAM WORTHINGTON

Born in Hartford in 1695, and graduated at Yale in 1716. He was pastor of the Church in what is now Westbrook, Connecticut, from 1724 to his death in November, 1756.

Rev^d. Sir

Saybrook March 18, 1756.

Your favour of Jan^r. 19, I rec^d. y^s. day by y^e. Post & thank you for it . . . I wished for y^r. Books for my son. *A mans intention is his kindness*; but now Spring advances & Bille labours hard every day, & must till winter brings him a release.

March 23. I began this to send by one of my Neighbours, w^o. went sooner yⁿ. I expected. . . .

As to N Haven you heard M^r. P——d——t disallowed M^r. Daggetts acceptance of N Haven Motion to be M^r. Noyes's Colleague; this is confirmed by Act of Corporation in a late Meeting; & M^r. Dagget to be professor of Divinity, to lecture &c on week days; and the undergraduates, to a man, to attend M^r. Noyes's Meeting on Lords days till Comth., and I suppose by a clear Majority in the Corporation; I think most of y^t. Body see y^r. past transactions, many of y^m., very unpopular. . . . One night while the corporation were together (M^r. Williams stopt wth. his son in y^e. Coll.) the Scholars (perhaps in defiance) had a generall remarkable Riot; fired 1 or more Bomms, viz. a p^d. powder sow'n up in a strong leathern Bagg wound up in a great thickness of strong line or cordage wth. a fusse reporting at explosion as loud as a Cannon, at y^e same time screaming & shouting wth. y^e. utmost Vociferation. Tis s^d. one Gentleman had y^s. Say, viz. y^s. comes of his confounded arbitrary Gov^t. . . .

Your friend & serv^t.

W^m. WORTHINGTON.

JOHN JOACHIM ZUBLY

Born in Switzerland in 1724, and ordained to the ministry in London in 1744. He emigrated to South Carolina about 1755, and took charge of the Independent Presbyterian Church in Savannah in 1760. On the approach of the Revolution he took the American side until actual independence was proposed, when he favored the mother-country. He died in 1781.

Reverend & Dear Sir

Savannah Oct 10 1768.

. . . . The Correspondence between M^r. W.¹ & his late Grace of Canterbury has in part been printed in our papers. . . .

¹ George Whitefield.

Two things I cannot believe, that it is right to rob Peter to pay Paul i. e. to take £12000 sterl. given to orphans, & employ to an Intention quite foreign to the donors. The second that M^r. W. is a hearty friend to dissenters. It has indeed here been pretty generally thought that he had a wishful Eye for an American Bp^rick. As to his getting a Charter here, I believe it is out of all Question. How does the baptist College go on? have they any President? There is an Intimacy between most of their Ministers in these parts & myself, but I doubt whether they would learn any greek if it was not for βαπτω & βαπτίζω. Their M^r. Stillman¹ I think might have become a considerable Man if they had given him time. I greatly esteem him & hope he will be very useful.

I expect to get some Subscribers to D^r. Chauncy's Proposals. It is my opinion could we be but secured of Bishops never interfering with us a Bishop with power of discipline over the Clergy & *Laity* of his Denominations & without any power of Support from others would make more dissenters in America in one year than many of us would make in an age. I do not hear that the episcopal Clergy in S. Carolina or this Province have any Itch for a Bp. & you can inform me whether I am out in my guess that it is chiefly such as have been bred in America & among the dissenters that appear in this motion. Our Reverend Rector² who was installd into his parish by our Gov^r. in a most extraord^y. Manner, & who declaims lustily against Shismaticks perhaps might, else I do not know a Man in this Province & I doubt whether a dozen be in South Carolina who are desirous of being blessd with any such Establishment, tho I am acquainted with no inconsiderable number of episcopalians that would rather join against than for it. I shall write for D^r. Chandlers Appeal but from the Quotations in Dr. Chauncy he does not appear to me a very formidable Writer.

We are under Concern here for our Boston friends but as hitherto they have acted prudently & bravely we trust all will be well at last. There is a Spirit of Liberty also prevails in the Southern Colonies, tho since the late Treaty of peace which I mentioned to you as made between what is called Scotch & Sons of Liberty all is remarkably quiet. I have seen a paragraph in

¹ Samuel Stillman, a distinguished Baptist clergyman in Boston, began his ministerial life in South Carolina.

² Samuel Frink (Harvard Coll. 1758).

y^r. Boston paper of a Letter from Savannah which I thought, & seems so to others, lookt like mine but I do not recollect my writing of it, neither did our Secretary sign it first but a greater Man & what appeard to me a little odd his Name is not separate but at y^e. head of both parties.

Your obliging Request to give you some Memoirs of my Life I would gladly comply with but I am at a Loss for Materials. I was born at S^t. Gall in Swisserland August 27, 1724, educated in the Gymnasium of that place, & ordained in the german Church at London August 19, 1744. I never had nor deservd any diploma, indeed in Swisserland except at Basil we scarce ever take any degree & if we take them never sign with them or very rarely.

However I will give you an Anecdote which I desire may continue so except among friends where to mention it you may judge to be of some service. When the Rev^d. M^r. W. arrivd here last, I immediately waitd on him, as I had always respect & affection for him. I made him the offer of my pulpit after he should have preachd in the church as usual to which I said I must give the Precedence; he consented, then told me he had seen a Letter of mine to M^r. Barber of Groton wherein I said concerning him *Tempora mutantur & nos in illis mutamur*. I had indeed wrote to M^r. W. himself that I feard his Visitt in 1755 had made more Converts to the Church than to Christ; this he never took any notice of to me but believe he did not like it, for he hardly ever wrote me while in England, however he assurd me he would preach for me that he was the same Man still, & in the intended College would sooner cutt his head off than have it on a narrow bottom. He clappd his hand on me & said "I am afraid of nobody at Savannah but this little Man" which I then thought strange, however it was not till sometime after that I concluded he probably had some Intentions which he expected I would oppose. He never preachd for me nor came near me nor would suffer his people to stay & hear me in the afternoon when he had preachd at Church in the morning. I met him in Charleston afterwards & there he having no place to preach in but the Meeting he appeard a friend to dissenters & took much notice of me, but never mentiond a Word of his having receivd a Letter from me relative to his shyness to dissenters in Georgia which yet I well know came to his hands. . . .

Yours entirely in our common Lord

JOHN JOACHIM ZUBLY.

Reverend & very dear Sir

. . . . Our Assembly has adopted & approved the Boston Measures & found Means to do all the business before their dissolution. The Plan of proceeding was digested sometime before, kept a profound secret by those that knew it & at last punctually & successfully carried into execution. Our Gov^r.¹ sup^d. with the Assembly after he had dissolved them, & is thought a secret Well-wisher to Liberty. He has an independent fortune, & I believe will do no more than he is obliged by office. A piece on the present dispute occasioned by his speech is in the press & will be transmitted to you from the author, who apparently chooses not to be known.

You have doubtless seen M^r. W's² Correspondence with the late Abp., a piece to those who are acquainted with Matters surprising. I am amazed at the Project to turn orphans out & erect a College on their Ruins, & more amazed that not a Creature in America has opened his Lips against it. I have published a Memorial on the Subject which you will receive, & should have printed something more striking but that his Managers desired I should delay it a little longer. I am convinced the whole is designed as a Seminary for Methodists & that M^r. Whitefield in truth loves church power & is not that open friend to dissenters that he would be thought. Of this I think I have irrefragable proofs, & his own letters plainly shew that he did mean to leave things designedly in the dark. It is astonishing to me that he offers to MAKE A FREE GIFT of his present TRUST, that he tells the King & all the World he will GIVE what is none of his & of which in the same Line he owns himself only a trustee.

The 25th. of March was sacred to the laying of y^e. foundation stone for the intended Wing of y^e College; it was so decreed in England & tho I dare say there was not 500 bricks provided on the foundation day, (which I am told is neither this day, & the bricks only beginning to be moulded) yet it must be that day. M^r. Frink preachd on Luke 1 "And the Angel came in unto her" & observd that probably the founder had an Eye to the Solemnity of y^e. (Lady) day. He also told them who knows but the Angel Gabriel who attended the royal Maid (having now no further occasion to guard her) may take this house under his protection

¹ James Wright, Governor of Georgia, 1761-1783.

² George Whitefield.

& the holy trinity grant it a Blessing. I do not hear that he said more upon the Subject, nor the Governor when he laid the first stone. Nothing has been done since but the Clay is carting 3 miles in order to be trade temperd & made up into bricks. For 4 years past no orphans have been in the house & I have good authority to say that instead of its Income being between 4 & 500 per Ann. in these 4 years that it has been empty of orphans, not one hundred have been laid up. . . .

I am apprehensive that by all this Religion will greatly suffer, & if an orphan house can be turnd into a College to the Expulsion of those for whom the Charity was given & the Land granted, I do not see but it might by a second change be turnd into a Bedlam if those that think themselves authorized should so think fit. I know however my d^r. Sir you will make a prudent Use of what I write & what may be consistent with a real Regard I have for M^r. Whitefield, notwithstanding his Mistakes & Blunders. I think on the whole every Man before Man is more or less valuable as true Sincerity appears or is wanting in his actions.

I think I have not before sent you a funeral discourse on Peter the Great which so pleased me in the reading that I translated & printed it & have sold at least half a dozen Copies of the Impression. . . .

Y^r. unworthy Brother & humble Serv^t.

J J ZUBLY.

S^t Gall

April 19, 1769.

[On a separate slip:] Captⁿ. B—— having saild without the inclosd, I am glad another opportunity offers so soon.

Since my last a presbyterian Meeting is set on foot in this place, as the house I preach in is upon so general a Plan as to receive all that receive the Westminster Catechism of faith. Some think it done out of opposition to me, however Phil. 1: 18. If the Right of Taxation takes place those that are for being taxd will not choose to have any thing to say or hear from me.

In using but $\frac{1}{8}$ of a sheet, I reduce the duty upon paper $\frac{3}{8}$.

Dear Sir,

I think it very long since I last had the pleasure of a Line from you . . .

Please to accept an account of the Conversion of R. Jachiel. I perceive by your sermon you have an affection for the descendants of y^e. friend of God; this is also my Case & if but one or two should be united to pray for this still chosen Nation, I shall think any pains of translating &c. well rewarded. Jachiels Wife since also embraced christianity as did some others of his friends. Give me leave also to offer you my funeral sermon for M^r. Whitefield; there were no less than 3 preachd for him the same day in this place; our Rector Mr. Frink preachd I am told a very good sermon on Phil. 1 : 21, wherein he gave him a handsome character all upon hearsay except his being much of a Gentleman which he advanced from his own Knowledge. . . .

Mine gave great offence to M^r. W. family & earnest friends especially y^e. Expressions underlaid; but y^e principle on which I sat out markd N B would not allow me to say more & my real regard for him would not suffer me to say less; it is a little odd that the greatest Rake in our Assembly made the Motion for sending for his body & erecting a Monument, but tho it was resolved on I believe it will never be carried into execution. Quiescat in pace.

We lately had a sort of Commencement at the orphan house academy; the Boys repeated Cato Soliloquy. Some Passages of Shakespear between each of which to diversify the Subject some of Watts Hymns were sung; a very neat chapel was consecrated;

Publick affairs in this Province are in a strange Situation; our assembly has been dissolv'd twice in less than 2 Months, the new one sat but two days & what is call'd y^e Court party had but five members, & at a new Election will have still fewer tho in this all the members on each side had not qualified. The Governor refus'd to accept of their Speaker, & the house resolv'd his negative a Breach of privilege.

Your unworthy Brother but affectionate friend and
humble serv^t.

J. J. ZUBLY.

Savannah April 30, 1771.

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